

Order of Worship

Gathering Music: *Ein feste Burg* Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome Rev. Will Burhans

Moment of Silence

Prelude *Rock of Ages* John A Behnke

Call to Worship [prayer by Martin Luther (adapted)] Ben Pulaski

One: In the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit
we come here with grateful hearts,

All: That we have been kept through the night from all harm and danger.

One: In this new day we pray that our worship and all the doings of our lives
this week will be pleasing to God.

**All: Into this hour and into God's hands we commend ourselves,
body and soul, and all things,**

One: Trusting that God's holy angels will attend us and that lesser powers
will have no sway over us,

All: But only the power of Jesus and his power alone, Amen.

***Processional Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* PH #15

Gathering Prayer (Walter Brueggemann in "Prayers for a Privileged People") Kathleen Zagata

**We are your people, mostly privileged, competent, entitled. Your people who
make futures for ourselves, seize opportunities, get the job done and move on.
In our self-confidence, we tend to expect little beyond our productivity; we wait
little for that which lies beyond us, and then settle with ourselves at the center.
But you utter large oaths, O God, beyond our imagined futures. You say - "fear
not, I am with you." You say - "nothing shall separate us." You say - "you are
mine and I have called you by name." And we find our privilege eroded by your
purpose, our competence shaken by your future, our entitlement unsettled by
your other children. Give us grace to hear your promises, freedom to trust your
promises, patience and humility to yield our dreamed future to your larger
purpose. In Jesus' name...**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy
will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever. Amen**

***An Act of Praise** *Gloria Patri* PH #513

**Glory be to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be; World without end, amen, amen.**

A Time for the Young Ben Pulaski
Children will stay in the sanctuary to worship with their families. Remember that our
nursery is open to up to 3 year olds.

***Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation* NCH # 386

Scripture Liturgists: Kyle Roche and Elizabeth Rozmanith
Psalm 139 OT pg. 577, LP OT pg. 540
Ephesians 1:3-14 NT 192, LP NT 169

Sermon "Like Clockwork" Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory Music by John Horman (b. 1946)
Text by Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

God Is My Rock [1982]

God is my rock and my salvation; God is my life, my love, my all!

God is my strength; God is my refuge. Whom shall I fear?

God of my strength enthroned above, Source of my life, the fount of love:

O let devotion's sacred flame waken my soul to praise thy name.

God is my rock and my protector. Safe from all strife my life will be.

God is my hope and my deliverer. O whom shall I fear?

God of our strength, on Thee we call; God of our hope, our light, our all.

Thy name we praise, Thy love adore. Our rock, our shield forevermore.

***Doxology** NCH #780
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People Rev Judy Arnold

***Closing Hymn** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* NCH #553

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude *Lobe den Herren* Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in honor of our families by Rick Forzese and Julianne Zimmerman. The Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of John E. and Louise H. Allen by their family.

Meet Our Church

First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, *An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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We are a Christ-centered, nurturing community: growing in faith, serving in love, welcoming all with joy.

The Congregation, Ministers To The World

Rev. William Burhans, Lead Pastor

Rev. Ms. Judith B. Arnold, Associate Pastor

Ms. Kathleen Zagata, RN, MS, CS, Minister of Congregational Health & Wellness

Ms. Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts

Mr. Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children & Youth

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Sexton

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

October 8, 2017

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 Worship Service

Welcome!

We are happy you have joined us today for worship. We hope that in the coming hour of quiet, song, prayer, sacred scripture, and communal gathering, you will awaken more fully to God's presence in your life and the world around us.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located down the stairs as you first enter the front doors of the church.

Accessibility

Listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary for the hearing impaired. An after-worship coffee hour is held in Chidley Hall on the bottom floor of the church building. An elevator is located out the doors to the right of the front chancel area and down the hall. Please ask a greeter if you need assistance.

Childcare

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary! We appreciate the sounds of little ones among us. If you'd prefer, there is a professionally staffed nursery on the floor beneath the sanctuary. Ask a greeter if you need help finding it.

Family Room

There is also a comfortable room with sofas, chairs, carpet and an audio link to the service for when you need more room to attend to your family. It is located just outside the doors to the right of the front chancel area.

Children (Stepping Stones) and Youth Church School

Classes for children and youth in pre-k through 12th grade are taught during worship. Families begin the worship service together in the sanctuary. Children are then invited to join us at the front (if they are comfortable) for the Time for the Young. Afterwards, the children and youth are led to their classrooms by their teachers.

Get connected!

Please tell us about yourself and/or request a prayer by filling out a Welcome/Prayer Request Card found in each pew and place it in the offering plate when it passes. We look forward to getting to know you at Coffee Hour, held downstairs immediately following the service. You can also learn more about our community through our website and Facebook page: **www.fcc-winchester.org** **[facebook.com/fccwucc](https://www.facebook.com/fccwucc)**
Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Family of Dr. Robert White	In their grief
Family of Carol Littell	In their grief
Goomba, Jen Capobianco's father	To maintain the power & faith to once again overcome his health issues.
The Martin family	In their grief
The Crowell family	In their grief
Abby & Ashley, two teenagers	Trying to find their way
Roger McCaughtry, Laurie Roby's cousin	For courage & healing
Family of Nancy Whitman	In their grief
The father of Peter Petras	87 years old and not feeling very well this week
Martha George	For courage and healing
Dory Cole Ogden, niece of Stephen W. Cole	For healing
Joyce Mills	For strength and healing
Janice Richardson Snowden	Strength, comfort, & healing
Bob Shirley	For strength and healing
Jessica Brand	For healing

Please let the Deacons or Ministry Team know if you have someone to add or remove from this list.

Upcoming Events

Reformation Series Continues

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the ministry team is offering a 4 part series based on a UCC Study Guide. In order to provide opportunities for as many people as possible to come, we are offering the same 90 minute session at 3 different times during each week. One is on Sunday evening at 6:30; one is on Tuesday morning at 10:00; one is on Tuesday evening at 6:30. Coffee/tea will be provided. Each week the 3 sessions will cover the same material. You are not expected to stick with the same weekly time slot – you can choose what works for your schedule. The signup link is in the weekly email. If you don't get a chance to sign up, just come join us anyway.

- Sundays 6:30-8 PM, Hoenicke Woolford home, 12 Sheffield West. Led by Rev. Will
- Tuesdays 10-11:30 AM, Henry Room. Led by Rev. Judy
- Tuesdays 6:30-8 PM, Collins-Skinner home, 74 Hillcrest Parkway. Led by Rev. Will

Come find out why we Protestants do some of the things we do today. Explore what ideas from the Reformation are still relevant today and which, perhaps, are not. Discuss which ideas are revolutionary, 'ho-hum', or flabbergasting!

Second Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday, October 11, 7:00-8:30 PM, Health Ministry Office

Second Wednesday Bible Study offers the opportunity to read, learn about and discuss scripture. There is a wide range of knowledge of the Bible in the room, but all of us are eager to know more and to find ways to relate these ancient texts to our lives. Lately, we've been studying some of Paul's letters. This year we are reading 1 Corinthians - and, in honor of the 500 year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, looking for a connection between Paul's writing and the Reformation. Come join us! Contact Rev. Judy with questions.

Blessing of the Animals 2017

Next Sunday Oct 15th, 10 AM, Town Common

Rain location: Chidley Hall

Each fall, the church hosts the Blessing of the Animals to honor the special animals in our lives. Wherever your pets are on life's journey, they are welcome to this festive worship service, where we celebrate and give thanks for all God's creatures, great and small. This year, the service will again be held across the street on the Town Common, and include brief readings, prayer, and individual blessings for animals on leashes, in cages, in arms, or in a picture.

Families and their pets are grouped in sections by animal to avoid conflicts between our furry friends. If you do not wish to bring your pet, you can bring a picture or a stuffed animal to represent them.

Ruth Group - A Book Group for Women of the Church and Community

October 15, 7-9 PM, Palmer Room

At the October meeting of the Ruth Group, we will discuss She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders by Jennifer Finney Boylan. For the curious, there is a one-page book summary available in the church lobby. New participants are always welcome and you don't have to have read the book to come and participate in the discussion! For further information or transportation contact Kaye Nash or Anne Hoenicke.

NCIS: New-Comers Inquiry Session

Sunday, October 22, 11:30 AM, Rev. Will's Office

If you'd like to learn more about the First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, or are interested in becoming a member, please join us for an informal sharing and informational session immediately following worship on Sunday, October 22. Children are welcome to come and/or childcare will be provided. Please speak to Rev. Will or let Sarah in the office know if you are interested. The gathering will last about 45 minutes. Please join us! Welcoming all with joy.

Fall Fellowship Gathering:

Sunday, October 29th at 2 pm.

Join Health Ministry for the video screening of *The Nature of Horn Pond*, a visual story of a small pond, its flora, wildlife and changing seasons. We are pleased to have Philip Valende, the artist and producer introduce the film. The afternoon program and reception is open to church members, our elders and their families and all those who enjoy the pond.

Progressive Dinner - It's back and you are invited!

Saturday, November 4, 5:30-10PM

How it Works: Three courses are served at three different locations. We'll start all together for appetizers, then split off into small groups for dinner at a host home, before assembling all together again in Chidley Hall for dessert and music by "Six." It's not a cooking competition--make or bring a dish that's easy for you. We want to make it easy for you to join in! Please note this is an adults-only event.

Can you
Host Dinner? (for 8-10)
Bring an entrée?
Bring a side dish?
Bring an appetizer?
Bring a dessert?
Help clean up?

RSVP online on Sign up Genius (email invitation & link sent 10/6)
Questions? Contact Susan Rozmanith at 781-771-7211.