

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend (S. 726)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

## Moment of Silence

## Prelude

*St. Anne – Introduction*

James Woodman (b. 1957)

## The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: Summer has come and summer has gone and another season opens to us by God's grace alone.

**All: May words of complaint for the fleeting nature of time become words of gratitude for the gift of days gone by.**

One: May any anxious thoughts about what awaits us in the coming months be reformed into a sense of hope in God's providence and love.

**All: May our songs and prayers and silences offered up in worship contribute to the rising tide of God's grace for a world in need.**

One: And may God bless our time together so that we can more fully make of our lives a blessing to others.

**All: In Jesus' name we gather and in his name we say AMEN!**

## \*ProceSSIONAL Hymn

*Bring Many Names*

NCH #11

## Gathering Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

(Adapted from a prayer by John Huss (1369-1415), a Czech priest & early reformer of the church)

**O Loving Christ, draw us, weak as we are, to your side, for if you do not draw us, we can never follow you. Give us a brave spirit, so that we may stand ready to serve and forgive and love. And when we are weak and tempted, let your grace go before us and come beside us and follow after us. Grant us a boundless heart, a true faith, a firm hope and a perfect love, so that for your sake we may offer our lives to Your service with patience and with joy. In Jesus name we pray...**

**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.**

## Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

## Scripture

Liturgist: Jenny Splaine

## Psalm 149

Response  
Unison

Antiphon: Robert Train Adams, 1994  
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1 Peter 2:1-10

NT pg. 233, LP NT pg. 206

## Sermon

"You're a Priest, I'm a Priest"

Rev. Will Burhans

## Quiet Time for Reflection

## Anthem

Words & Music by Z. Randall Stroope (b.1953)

*Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls* [2006]

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones,  
with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold.  
The Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,  
the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.  
Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord.  
Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength,  
for the Lord dwells within and heals their land.  
Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God.  
When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray,  
when they turn from dark to light and your will obey,  
O Lord of Heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house,  
and heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.  
Come dwell in Solomon's walls...

## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

## Offertory

*St. Anne – Prelude*

Woodman

## \*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.**

## \*Closing Hymn

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

NCH #25

## Benediction

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

## Postlude

*Voluntary*

John Stanley (1712-86)

# Today's Worship Service

## Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Gamble Millican and his sister Margaret A. Millican, by their family. Today's Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of Grace Haley, Barbara and Edward Lamson by the Lamson Family.

## Meet Our Church

**First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, *An Open and Affirming Congregation***  
21 Church Street, Winchester, MA 01890 781-729-9180  
[www.fcc-winchester.org](http://www.fcc-winchester.org)

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)

## 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](http://www.fcc-winchester.org)  
[facebook.com/fccwucc](https://www.facebook.com/fccwucc)  
**Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list**

**September 10, 2017**  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 Worship Service

## *People for Whom We Are Praying ...*

### Names

### Purpose

The father of Peter Petras	87 years old and not feeling very well this week
Martha George	For courage and healing
The Freedman Family	In their time of sorrow
Dory Cole Ogden, niece of Stephen W. Cole	For healing
Joyce Mills	For strength and healing
Gary Hogg, Natalie Roche's brother	For comfort 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

### **American Red Cross Lay Responder Class,**

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 pm. First time and recertification class will be taught by Pam Johnson in the Bike Room at FCC. High School teens and adults are welcome. Invite friends and neighbors to join you. Cost is \$59 /person /fee is waived for nursery, church school and youth teachers, staff volunteers. Questions/Register before Monday, 9/25 to Kathleenzag@gmail.com.

### **FCC Monthly Men's Group, Sunday September 10th, 7:30-9 PM, Palmer Room.**

All FCC men and their guests are welcome. We discuss matters that are personal and spiritual. Pot-luck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com.

### **The Dwelling Place needs volunteers for Saturday, September 16th!**

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 20 people at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, September 16th. The Dwelling Place is a collaboration of area churches that prepares and serves meals at the United Methodist Church in Woburn for individuals and families in need.

**Can you and your family or friends help?** Serving time is only 2 hours -- from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

If you want to serve but are not sure you can prepare the food, we can help with that.

To sign up, please contact your FCC Dwelling Place coordinator: Lisa Loughlin (781.346.1241) lisa3abp@aol.com

### **Second Wednesday Bible Study: Sep 13 at 7 PM**

**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 have been taking a book or a theme in the Bible and carrying it over from month to month. We've been studying some of Paul's letters. This year we will be 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. Our first meeting is September 13. We meet in the Health Ministry office at 7:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm. Come join us. (Questions or concerns – talk with Judy)

### **REFUGEE IMMIGRATION MINISTRY (R.I.M.)**

A group of your church friends have been connecting with RIM through the Metro North Cluster. There are 9 clusters in the Boston area and each cluster has clients. Currently the Metro North Cluster has two clients: a transgender person from Honduras and a family from Egypt. Each of these clients is in the process of seeking asylum. As petitioners for that status, they receive work permits but that can take from a few months to over a year. RIM helps with necessities – financial support for rent, clothing, food, transportation and other requirements. RIM volunteers also help with networking and interpreting our culture. Each Cluster raises money to support their clients. One of Metro North's major fundraisers is a **Bulb Sale** which is going on now. There are order sheets on the table in the reception hall. These bulbs are from Holland and have proven to be beautiful and durable. Ordering ends on October 1.