

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

A Westminster Carillon (with a nod to Louis Vierne)
The Carilloneers

Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Prelude

Pavane

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)/arr. Douglas E. Wagner
The Carilloneers

A Time of Silence

Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: The poet David Whyte says "Gratitude is the understanding that many millions of things come together and love together and mesh together and breathe together in order for us to take even one breath of air, that the underlying gift of life and incarnation as a living, participating human being is a privilege; that we are miraculously, part of something, rather than nothing." With an attitude of gratitude, let us worship together this morning, conscious of the privilege of life itself and offering prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to God who is responsible for it all. Amen?

All: Amen!

*Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

PH # 461

Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

(Adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

We believe in you, O God, the source of all life and the desire of our lives. We are grateful that Your love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth and though our world crucified him Your ever-faithful love is our glorious promise of true freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, it is in You we trust and in the name of Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves, in the service to others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of Love, and in the company of faithful so as to be the church for Your glory, forever and ever, Amen!

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.

Testimony

Deirdre Giblin

Blessing of the Turkeys

Ben Pulaski

*Hymn

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

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Scripture

Matthew 25: 14-30

NT pg. 28, LP NT pg.24

Sermon

"A Terrible Parable"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Prayers of the People

Rev. Will Burhans

Offertory

Anthem

I thank You God [1998]

Music: Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)
Poetry: e. e. cummings (1894–1962)

i thank You God for most this amazing
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and love and wings:and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginaire You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

*Doxology

**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.**

NCH #780

*Closing Hymn

We Gather Together

PH #21

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

(Please offer "peace" or "The peace of Christ" to your neighbor as you depart)

Postlude

Variations on "Kremser", vs.6

Daniel Berghout

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Court Crandall, given by his 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)

November 19, 2017

Thanksgiving Sunday
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 water, 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