

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Prelude on "Passion Chorale" arr. Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952), 1988
Based on the hymn tune PASSION CHORALE, Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
The Carilloneers

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

Song

Open My Eyes, Lord by Jesse Manibusan

1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see
2. Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears Lord help me to hear.
3. Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.
Open my heart Lord, help me to love.
4. Cause I live within you, deep in your heart O Love,
I live within you, rest now in me.

A Time of Silence

Call to Worship (adapted from *Joseph Fort Newton*)

One: As flowers turn their faces toward the sun,

All: As rivers seek their freedom in the sea,

One: So our hearts turn to God in the ancient adoring habit of our race.

All: May the Holy Spirit breathe upon us, that in the warmth of God's love our minds may open to wisdom and beauty and the clear vision of what is good and true.

One: And may our fairest visions of mercy, love, and justice, be so real, so commanding that all that is within us shall rise up and follow!

All: Amen.

*Processional Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This New Century Hymnal #223

Call to Confession

Rev. Judy Arnold

Prayer of Confession (adapted from *Joseph Fort Newton*)

Lord if we have failed of what we knew was good or brave or kind, if we have turned aside from a hard task, or left anyone to fall under the load we might have lifted, forgive us, O Lord. Our lives are low-vaulted and troubled at times, only broken echoes of what they ought to be. Live in us more richly, we humbly pray.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lord's Prayer

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.

Scripture

Psalm 19 (read responsively)
I Corinthians 1:18-31

Liturgist: Nick Wankowicz
OT pg.498, LP OT pg. 461
NT pg. 166, LP NT pg.145

Sermon

"Foolishness"

Rev. Will Burhans

A Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Anthem

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes [2007]

Music by Stephen Chatman (b. 1950)
Psalm 121 (King James Bible) S. C., alt.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, He shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth,
and for evermore. Amen.

*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.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

PH #288

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Invitation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(The Deacons will distribute the bread and cup in the pews this morning. Everyone is welcome to partake but if you choose not to please pass the plate to the person beside you. All the bread is gluten free and the cups are filled with grape juice.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (by Beth Merrill Neel)

O Jesus, our beloved, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.

Service of Prayer

(Please see insert.)

*Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

New Century Hymnal #403

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Jesus Christus unser Heiland

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of of Nina McCall and Wakefield and Carmel Taylor by the McCall-Taylors.

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. 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)

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

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

We now have an inductive hearing loop for those whose hearing aids have Telecoil (ask your audiologist). Listening devices are also available in the back. For our coffee hour in Chidley Hall, 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 are trained caregivers in our 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 a video 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 for the first week of the month is a combined worship service specifically made for them. We will meet in the Chapel before the start of the service and will return to the sanctuary to take communion with the congregation.

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.

Service of Prayer

During Lent, we have the opportunity to lift our prayers in light as well as in words. When invited, those who wish to may come forward and mark their prayers by lighting a candle. Should you desire to communicate your prayers in words to the congregation, blank index cards are provided in the pews for you to write a prayer on. Place the card in the baskets on the candle table, and they will be added to the prayer bulletin board in Chidley Hall. During the prayer time, we will sing "Jesus, Remember Me" as our prayer response.

Ostinato Refrain *Jesus, Remember Me*

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The image shows two systems of musical notation for the Ostinato Refrain. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff of each system.

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

Marjorie Moore	Recovering from surgery
The family of Diane Neth (Ken Orth's sister)	In their grief
Bliss McCrum, Laura Bailey's step-father	For courage and peace
Lucy Sanders	Continued healing & direction for Arthur & my future
Martha George	For courage and healing
Dory Cole Ogden, niece of Stephen W. Cole	For healing
Jessica Brand	For healing

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

News & Upcoming Events

P&D Fund

On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' & Deacons' Fund. This fund offers monetary aid to congregation members who are experiencing an urgent need for financial crisis assistance. Please consider a donation as part of your worship today.

A Candlelight Vigil of Healing and Hope:

Tonight at 6PM on the Winchester Library grounds.

Please join our fellow townspeople of all ages for a simple evening of love for our town and our devotion to each other.

Bring a candle (Our church can make some available to you from our Christmas Eve services). Come to the library grounds and be in community with one another for a few minutes.

We will gather with just a very few words, a song, and some silence in candlelight. After we extinguish our candles, we encourage what we always do in our beautiful town: friendly interaction and conversation with each other. (Due to fire code and safety issues related to the volume of people, the inside Library will be unavailable for a walk-through at this time. Thank you for your deep understanding.)



Opening:

Interested in attending the Lenten Retreat on March 9-11th? We had an unexpected cancellation and would welcome a church member, friend or spouse to join our retreat group. Email Kathleen at kathleenzag@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Would you like to volunteer your time, but just not sure how?

Consider being a part of the Coffee Hour Ministry! This ministry is looking for a new coordinator, beginning in September, 2018. It is a lovely and important function of our church, bringing us all together after worship, as well as providing a warm and welcoming place for new comers to get to know us. It doesn't require a lot of time, just coordinating the calendar, sending out reminder emails, and checking the coffee and tea stock two times a year. If you (and a friend) are interested, contact Christine Tresselt cgtresselt@yahoo.com. She'd love to chat about it!

FYI:

Thank you for the opportunity to attend a three day pharmacology course this weekend in Boston. I will not be at worship on Sunday, but can be reached by email at kathleenzag@gmail.com.

FCC Monthly Men's Group:

Tonight, 7-9 PM, 4 Heritage Drive, Woburn (Paul and Lynne Rahmeier's house).

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

Heads Up: Sleepers in the Church!

Starting last night through next week we will be hosting a group of about 12 students from Vanderbilt University who are coming to Boston for an "Alternative Spring Break". They will be gone during the day but sleeping in the youth room and using the kitchen in the mornings and evenings. On days they choose to commute into Boston they will leave their two vans in our parking lot. Their work is taking place at the Boston Living Center and Community Servings with people who have HIV/AIDS. Please welcome them and make them feel at home if you see them this week!

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico: August 4 to August 10

Our church community is going to Puerto Rico this summer to help in the rebuilding effort. We welcome you to join us. Our mission trip adviser and guide is Experience Mission. We will be working in one of 3 possible locations: Isabela, Mayaguez or Cayey. We will be doing rebuilding: roofing, repairing drywall, painting and other house projects. Our lodging will be at a local church with sleeping quarters, bathrooms, private showers and kitchens. This is an opportunity to get to know the people of Puerto Rico face to face; and to serve a population that has been shamefully underserved. The cost to individuals will be \$300 and couples \$500. The Outreach Ministry is underwriting a significant portion of the expense. There is scholarship money available for those who need it. **The sign up deadline is March 8.** Rev. Will will be the 'trip leader'. Ask Rev. Judy or Rev. Will for sign up materials.

Talent Show: Friday, March 16th from 6-830 PM in Chidley Hall

Help Us Raise Funds for the Youth Mission Trips!

The youth are hosting a talent show, which will include a baked potato bar and sundae bar (which will be inclusive to all those with most allergies). This is your opportunity to be a part by showcasing your talents. We are encouraging people of all ages to sign up to perform whatever talent they have (or think they have!). Email ben.pulaski@gmail.com or visit our website to sign up. Space is limited, so sign up as soon as you can.

The main part of the fundraiser is selling tickets to the event. For a suggested donation of \$20 per person (or \$50 for a family), you will gain access to the baked potato bar, the sundae bar, and the talent show. We are asking that as many people as possible to reserve their tickets before the event so that we have a rough estimate of how many will be there. Don't worry though! There will be some tickets sold at the door as well. To reserve your tickets, email ben.pulaski@gmail.com

The Dwelling Place needs volunteers for Saturday, March 17th !

We are looking for **4 - 6 volunteers** to prepare and serve a meal for about 30 people at the Dwelling Place on **Saturday, March 17**. 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?

- Volunteers can be adults and children.
- Serving time is only 2 hours -- from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- The food is simple and easy to prepare.

If you want to serve but are not sure you can prepare the food, we can help with that. We also can provide gift cards to help with food expense.

To sign up, please contact your FCC Dwelling Place coordinators:

Lisa Loughlin (781.346.1241) lisa3abp@aol.com

Linda Alexander (617.763.0650) lgalexander@comcast.net

Habitat for Humanity Workday

Saturday March 10 in Lawrence, MA

Please join our crew at the Habitat for Humanity site in Lawrence on one (or more!) of our upcoming workdays. We typically meet at the church around 7:45 AM and carpool up to the site, returning sometime in the late afternoon. The Habitat organization appreciates when we can provide a head count, so if you're able to join us, please contact either Doug Taylor (mccall.taylor@verizon.net) or Andrew Beltz (andrewjbeltz@gmail.com). Thank you!

The Green Congregation Challenge Taskforce

Dear Friends,

Beginning at last fall's Earth Communion Sunday (10/1/17) - a working team came together given the exciting possibilities for us as congregation and church. Since then, and working with FCC's ministerial team, staff, along with lay leaders - we are excited to be moving forward beginning with an Earth Day Service, Celebration, and Luncheon to be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018.

Appreciating that today's environmental realities call us as people of faith to protect God's good creation, the Massachusetts Conference Environmental Ministries has launched an initiative to certify local UCC churches with three levels of achievement. With your help, churches like ours that put an emphasis on being part of the solution are recognized and celebrated for their commitment to moral and responsible choices concerning the care of God's good creation. As of now - both within the Mass Conference and Greenovate of Boston - FCC of Winchester is noted as a forward-thinking congregation, one committed to environmental awareness and stewardship.

On Sunday, April 22, 2018, an Earth Day Service will be held - addressing our summons as people of faith to safeguard our environment for current and future generations. Immediately following the church service, an 11th-hour luncheon and presentation will be held in Chidley Hall for all ages. Come, join us and become a caretaker of God's good creation!

Tuesdays with Jesus: Tuesdays during Lent from 6:30-8pm

Back by popular demand, we are holding "Tuesdays with Jesus" again this Lent in the Palmer and Tucker Rooms. We have a wonderful new slate of church members preparing to share how their faith intersects with their work. We'll begin with about 20 minutes of silent meditation/centering prayer from 6:30-7 in the Palmer Room and then move into the Tucker Room where we'll have a simple soup and bread supper while we listen to one of our 6 presenters. We hope you'll join us!

Schedule for 2018 "Tuesdays with Jesus"

Date	Presenter	Topic
Tuesday, March 6	Susan Sawyer	<i>Jesus and Psychotherapy</i>
Tuesday, March 13	Marty Rozmanith	<i>Jesus and Construction</i>
Tuesday, March 20	Julianne Zimmerman	<i>Jesus and Venture capital</i>
Tuesday, March 27	John Montgomery	<i>Jesus and Human Trafficking</i>

These presentations are recorded. If you would like to listen to one, email Sarah in the church office (first.congregational@verizon.net) and she will send you the link.

Let's Talk About Mental Health



A community conversation will be held on Thursday, March 22 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the First Congregational Church in Winchester. Led by Representative Michael Day, Principal Dennis Mahoney of Winchester High School, and Dr. K. Mitchell of DMH, the focus will be on youth and young adult mental health services. Consumer experiences will be shared along with updates on access to emergency services, recovery resources and advocacy groups. Open to the public, this informative program is free of charge. A light meal is provided. For additional inquiry, contact Health Minister at 781 729-9180 ext:106.