

Order of Worship: Health Ministry Sunday

Be still and know that I am God, Psalm 46: 10

Gathering Music

Bounce

Jason Bolte

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

Prelude-Anthem

my silence now speaks for me

Music by Joseph Gentry Stephens (b. 1972)

Words by Ingrid Showalter Swift (b. 1963)

too much for words to hold
too long for any stanza
too wide for any margins
not enough hours in the day
patience too short
I lay it down
that in silence what is beyond all words, stanzas, margins, and hours
can at long last be heard

The Call to Worship

Written and led by Stephen Haggett

All: Be still and know that I am God



One: We come to this sanctuary from our busy lives. Splashing through our days, leaving a wake as we plow forward through the waves of others. We wrap ourselves in activity and in noise. Bleating horns mark our progress in our daily migration. The grind of the subway blends with the beeping and chiming of our tools and the squawk of our media.

All: Sung Response

One: The daily roar both comforts us – preventing listening to the feedback of our soul – and builds up to its own source of fear. We expect the noise, accept the noise; become adapted to the noise, addicted to the noise.

All: Sung Response

One: But beneath that noise is the quiet voice within us, offering the divinity of peace. If we are distracted by the noise, how do we hear the wisdom of our soul – and the quiet internal conversation with you, God. Let us fast from the noise.

All: *Please rest in a Moment of Silence*

*Opening Hymn

Sweet Hour of Prayer

New Century Hymnal #505

*Call to Confession

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

Dear God,
You speak to us in many ways,
through rushing wind
or still small voice,
in Scripture's Word
or through your Grace
and we in turn find many ways
to hear the world's
insistent voice
break through the silence,
and take your place.
Forgive our sin.
Help us hear your voice
above the clamor of this world.
Open our ears Lord, help us to hear.
Amen

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.

A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

Offertory

Rev. Judy Arnold

Scripture

Psalm 46

Liturgists: Nanci Church
OT pg. 519, LP OT pg. 480

Sermon

"Make Yourself A Space"

Rev. Will Burhans

Healing Stations

You are invited to come forward to one of five healing stations. Three stations will be positioned in the front and two in the rear of the church. A chair is provided for your comfort. If you wish just silent prayers with no laying on of hands, please indicate by folding your hands across your chest when you sit. The healing teams consist of ministers, Health Ministry members, present and former deacons. People with mobility issues will be asked to raise a hand and a healing team will come to them. We invite all present to open oneself in stillness, allowing silence to be your prayer, trusting that it is heard by a Loving Spirit who works in and through each of us.

*Closing Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

Pilgrim Hymnal # 77

Benediction

Frank Willwerth and Rev. Will Burhans

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

Today's Worship Service

Special thanks to Johann Soult, cello, for providing beautiful music this morning.

Gratitude goes to the Health Ministry Committee whose scripture study, consultation with the Ministry Team and intentional preparations ground the service this morning. Thanks goes to Christine Atkins, Pam Budner, Nanci Church, Steve Haggett, Jason Ryan, Branda Wilhoite, Frank Willwerth and Janice Wilson and friends of the committee, Michelle Crawford, Christine Tresselt, Deb Johnston, Kaye Nash and Bruce Lauterwasser.

March 18, 2018

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Peggy Worth by her sons, Eric & Owen, and her husband, Cliff.

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

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

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

Marjorie Moore	Recovering from surgery
The family of Diane Neth (Ken Orth's sister)	In their grief
Lucy Sanders	Continued healing & direction for Arthur & my future
Martha George	For courage 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.

News & Upcoming Events

Bylaw q and a today, after worship

You may know that a small committee, consisting of John Montgomery, David Peretti and Julianne Zimmerman has been working to draft a new set of bylaws. The aim is to have the congregation vote in new bylaws at the church's annual meeting in May. After more than 6 months of work, the draft is ready for the congregation to take a look at. There is a link available on the all-church email for this past week. You may also email Penny Sparrow (see below) to receive an electronic copy. The Leadership Team invites you to a 'By-law q and a' after worship today, March 18th, in the Palmer room. Members of the Bylaw Committee will be there to give a brief overview of the goals, outline some major decisions that guided the writing of the bylaw draft and to answer questions. We are interested in your opinions regarding the draft, whether or not you can attend the meeting. Please feel free to write to Penny Sparrow, church moderator, at pjsparrow2@gmail.com, who will coordinate responses for consideration by the Bylaw Committee and the Leadership Team.

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.

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 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.

Save the Date: Sunday, April 8, 2018, 4:00 p.m.,

A Special Holocaust Memorial Concert

In honor of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 11, 2018), First Congregational Church will co-sponsor, along with Temple Shir Tikvah, a distinctive string quartet concert in the beautiful acoustic of our sanctuary, featuring the works of three powerful composers who perished in the Holocaust - Erwin Schulhoff, Pavel Haas and Leo Smit. You will have an opportunity to hear the Aryaloka String Quartet (Aryaloka is a Sanskrit word which means "in the presence of the noble ones."), four marvelous string players who have often graced our chancel in collaboration with the FCC choir. The quartet will round out the program with the celebrated *String Quartet No. 8* of Dimitri Shostakovich which was "dedicated to the victims of fascism and war." Reverend Will Burhans and Rabbi Cari Bricklin-Small will offer a brief welcome and introduction. The concert will be followed by a lovely reception, hosted by both congregations. Free will offering taken at the door.

Deacons Service Breakfast

Sun March 25 at 8 AM in Childey Hall

The Deacons will continue our FCCW tradition of honoring the service of the congregation, and will be hosting the annual "Celebration of Service" breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 25th at 8 AM in Chidley Hall. Please RSVP, to Andy Gallop (781) 526-5262. More details coming soon.

Maundy Thursday All-Night Vigil

March 29th & 30th

Jesus asked his disciples to stay awake and pray with him during his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his death. In response, we hold an all-night vigil in our sanctuary — staying awake with Christ and praying for a suffering world. The Vigil begins at 9:00 PM on March 29th (after the Tenebrae Service of Shadows) and ends at noon on Good Friday, March 30th with a Vigil closing service. All are invited to help keep watch with the single Christ Candle that is lit at the end of the Tenebrae Service. No sign up is required to participate, but we are seeking Anchors to ensure a continuous watch through the night. The sign up sheet for Anchors is located in the Church lobby. All are welcome!

~ The Maundy Thursday Vigil Pop Up Ministry

178th Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Winchester:

Sunday May 6th 11:30-1:30

Save the date for the church's annual meeting. This year it will be on Sunday, May 6th, immediately after worship in Chidley Hall. Lunch for everyone and activities for the children will be provided.

The Annual Meeting is for everyone - we make important decisions for our congregation, look back at the events and achievements of the past year and look forward to the future. There will be slides highlighting the work of our ministries and our life together. Non-members are warmly invited to participate in the whole meeting, though we will ask that you not vote.

If you have any items that you would like to suggest for the agenda, please contact Penny Sparrow, Moderator (pjsparrow2@gmail.com) as soon as you can.

Our purpose is to be a Christ-centered, nurturing community; growing in faith; serving in love; welcoming all with joy

Ruth Group Meets this Sunday the 18th, 7-9 pm

Please join us to discuss *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy* at the home of MaryAnn McCall-Taylor, 8 Sanborn St, Winchester. Mike Redding will be facilitating this book which is a powerful exploration of mercy and how we can embrace it. **All women of the church and community are welcome whether or not they have read the book and new participants are always welcome.** Decaf coffee & tea and simple desserts are offered by the host. Contact this year's co-coordinators — Anne Hoenicke and Kaye Nash — with any questions you may have and to figure out possible carpools.

Easter Lilies and Tulips

You are invited to donate a chancel Easter plant as a memorial or as a gift. Plants will be distributed to our shut-ins following the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 1.



The cost of plants is \$20.00 each.

All orders are due by March 25

I wish to purchase _____ plants, which will be

_____ In memory of _____ In honor of (please check as appropriate)

Given
by _____

please return this form with a check payable to First Congregational Church, with memo “flowers” to the church office, or place it in an offering plate in an envelope marked “Easter plants”

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 a 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 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.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Sun 3/25 Palm Sunday

9:30 AM Blessing of the Palms on the Common

On Palm Sunday many churches from around Winchester gather at on the Town Common for a joint blessing of the Palms before they return to the respective sanctuaries for Palm Sunday services. It is a wonderful way to remember our unity in Christ, especially as we set into the most sacred week of the Christian year.

10 AM Palm Sunday Worship

Tue 3/26

6:30 PM Tuesdays with Jesus

Thu 3/29 Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM Service of Tenebrae

9 PM Maundy Thursday Vigil Begins

Fri 3/30 Good Friday

12 PM Vigil Closing Service

Sat 3/31 Holy Saturday

9:30 AM Bagels & Bunnies Egg Hunt

Foreshadowing the next day’s celebration of Easter, we invite children and families to join us for an exciting egg hunt (eggs being a symbol for new life). The Easter Bunny joins us for picture taking and bagels before the children set out on their search on the front lawn. All eggs are nut-free, and donations benefit the High School & Middle School Mission trips.

Sun 4/01 Easter

5:30 AM Yoga in the Barn

Join us for a 30-minute sunrise yoga practice in the barn to reflect on what was revealed to you during this time of waiting. Come as you are. There is no need for mats or props.

6:15 AM Easter Sunrise Service at Wright-Locke Farm

We gather to hear the resurrection story, to sing together, and to celebrate the Risen Son as we watch the rising of the sun.

9 AM Easter Worship

11 AM Easter Worship