

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Valet will ich dir geben (BWV 736)

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Prelude

In dir ist Freude (BWV 615)

Bach

The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: Gather in brothers and sisters, young and old, weary and rested, innocent and tested, this is God's house where you belong because you belong to God.

All: We gather in this sanctuary to praise God as the crowds gathered in Jerusalem to welcome Jesus so long ago.

One: Beware of the fickle human heart that praises one day and condemns the next.

All: We come to worship aware of our own failings and yearning for the grace to live lives of courage and love in a world that needs courageous love.

One: May this hour offer you an opportunity to turn your lives over again to God, to take a renewed step along Jesus' way, and to receive the inspiration of His Holy Spirit.

All: Let us begin this Holy Week and this holy time of worship together as we are drawn into the dance of our triune God.

*Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

(please see insert.)

*Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

(Adapted from Rev. Steve Garners-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*)

Hosanna, "Save us, O God!" save us and hear our cry. Only you, humble and riding on a donkey, can save us on our war horses. Only you, pouring yourself out, can save us from the wounds that swallow us. Only you, suffering, can save us, married to our comforts as we are. Only you, loving and forgiving, can save us, so well defended. Save us, O Vulnerable One, from the fortresses we carry with us. Give us faith to ride with you, humble, disarmed, lovingly self-pouring, with deep trust in your saving grace. Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the peace of God.

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

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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

John 12:12-19

Liturgist: Jason Ryan
NT pg. 106, LP NT pg. 92

A Time for the Young

"Palm Parade"

Ben Pulaski

*Hymn

Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!

Pilgrim Hymnal # 175

Testimony

Laurie Roby

Offertory

Rev. Judy Arnold

Scripture

John 18:28-40

Liturgist: Jason Ryan
NT pg. 112, LP NT pg. 98

Sermon

"The Lies We Tell"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Anthem

Tsunangari ("Connection") [2011] Text and Music by Kentaro Sato (Ken-P, b. 1981)

How difficult seeing the truth is. How lonely thinking the truth is.
How brave speaking the truth is. And, how warm is the hand
Which is held out to people crying in the sad wind
Behind the lie.

How kind is the heart
Which accompanies people who cling to
The homeland in their hearts.

To see, feel, and think together
As if you were next to me
No matter how far apart we are...
To cry, laugh, and sing together
Under this sky
No matter how far apart we are...

Please...Feel the connection of the sky,
And the connection of our hearts.

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*

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

The Changing of the Paraments

(Each church season we change the Altar cloth and the other hangings to reflect the color of the season. As we move from Palm Sunday into Holy Week, we strip the Chancel of its Lenten purple and other adornments and add only a simple black cloth, which will remain the backdrop through our Maundy Thursday service, the Vigil and Holy Saturday.)

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Departure - please depart the sanctuary in quiet and join us for our coffee hour downstairs in Chidley Hall.

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and loving memory of our parents, by Kris & John Montgomery.

March 29, 2018

Palm Sunday
10:00 Worship Service

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

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Sexton

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

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 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 PM

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.



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

Easter Lilies and Tulips

You are invited to donate a chancel Easter plant as a memorial or as a gift.

The cost of plants is \$20.00 each. All orders are due TODAY

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"

Attention members and families: Join in our joyful Easter tradition of delivering a lily plant to a member at home or in a local nursing care center. Plants will be available after the 9 and 11 am services in the front of the sanctuary.

No Pancake Breakfast Easter Sunday

We are changing it up this year and not having a pancake breakfast between the two services on Easter. Instead, you can join us for light fare, including coffee, juice, quiches, fruit. We will still be asking for donations to help cover the cost and any proceeds will help the youth mission trips. We've decided to move in this direction this year for a number of reasons. We are looking for a couple of adults to help with set up and clean up with the youth. For questions please contact Ben at ben.pulaski@gmail.com.

Immigration Lawyer to Speak at FCCW

Thursday, Apr 5th 7-8 PM in Chidley Hall

On Thursday, April 5th, Seth Purcell, a lawyer from the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project, will talk about immigration legal issues, especially as regards asylum seekers. This is a Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM)-sponsored talk. Come, listen, and meet members of the nine RIM clusters, including the Metro-North Cluster in which our FCC participates.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

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 youth mission trips.

Sun 4/01 Easter

5:30 AM Yoga in the Barn (Park at Mullen Field and walk to 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 & 11 AM Easter Worship in the Sanctuary

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.

CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

Fine

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da-vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing thee on high,
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with psalms be-fore thee went;
4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

D.C.

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans, 8-9th cent.; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851
(Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:8-10; Lk. 19:36-38; Jn. 12:12-13)
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