

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Adoro te devote*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

## Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

## A Time of Silence

## Prelude

*Anthem (Op. 39, #4/1)*

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

## The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began.

**All: God was.**

One: Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven.

**All: God is.**

One: In the future when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment.

**All: God will be.**

One: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: God was; God is, God will be.**

## \*Processional Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

New Century Hymnal #28

## \*Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

(From the Iona Community)

**O God of the high heavens, O Christ of the deep earth, O spirit of the flowing waters, O trinity of love, You have offered your love to us, and here we pledge our love to you. You have been faithful to your people through the ages, and here we pledge our faithfulness to one another. You have sustained in love the earth, sea and sky around us, and here we pledge our sustaining love for creation. You have identified with the powerless and the weak of the world. And here we pledge our identification with them. O God, strengthen us in our desire, and breathe into our bodies the passion of your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to 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.**

## A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

## \*Hymn

*God of the Sparrow God of the Whale*

New Century Hymnal #32

## Testimony

Robin Delurey

## Scripture

Psalm 23

John 10:11-18

OT pg. 501, LP OT pg. 464

NT pg. 103, LP pg. 90

## Sermon

Rev. Judy Arnold

## Quiet Time for Reflection

## Offertory

Anthem

*The Peace of Wild Things*

Music by Cynthia Powell  
Text by Wendell Berry (b. 1934)

When despair for the world grows in me  
And I wake in the night at the least sound  
In fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water,  
And the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
Who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.  
I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light.  
For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

## \*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.**

## Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

## \*Closing Hymn

*We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky*

New Century Hymnal #563

## Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold

## Passing the Peace of Christ

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

## Postlude

*Sortie*

Cesar Franck (1822-90)

# Today's Worship Service

## Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carmine Piantedosi and John & Alice Devaney, by their grandchildren Julie and Erik Devaney.

## 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. William Lewis, Custodian  
Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist  
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

**April 22, 2018**

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
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 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.

*People for Whom We Are Praying ...*

Cheryl Paradise, a Dwelling Place guest Lucy Sanders	As her life draws to a close Continued healing & direction for Arthur & my future
Martha George Jessica Brand	For courage and healing For healing

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

## News & Upcoming Events



**You are invited to a Civility Workshop!**  
**Saturday, April 28, 2018 8:30 AM to Noon in the Tucker & Palmer Rooms**

We hope you'll join us for an interactive discussion and workshop on the topic of civility. Using material from various curricula, a conversational technique called "Reverse Debate," and the spiritual practice of "Welcoming Prayer," we will explore a variety of methods for carrying out and modeling civil discourse in today's society.

**There's no need to sign up — just come on April 28th!**

**A light breakfast will be provided.**

The Adult Faith Exploration Ministry: Co-Chairs: Sarah Gallop & Laurie Roby, Judy Arnold, Anne Hoenicke, Andy McKinley, and Karen Roberts

### **Host Home Training: Learn About Hosting an Asylum Seeker Today, from 3-4 p.m., at Temple Beth Shalom in Melrose.**

You care about your immigrant neighbors. You have made donations and have told your legislators of your views. Perhaps your heart was stirred as Deirdre Giblin described the plight of asylum seekers when she spoke about her work as an immigration lawyer on Just Peace Sunday. Maybe you want to do more. The Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM) Metro North Cluster invites you to learn about becoming a host home for an asylum seeker.

The training will include specific information about what's involved in being a host family to an asylum seeker — either short term or a longer term of 6 months or more. In addition, one or two people who have been or currently are hosts for an asylum seeker will be there to answer questions and share their experiences. Attending the training does not mean a commitment to be a host family, only that you are interested in knowing more.

Questions about this program? Contact Bruce Alexander (617-605-6030 / [bruce\\_alexander@comcast.net](mailto:bruce_alexander@comcast.net)) or Linda Alexander (617-763-0650 / [lgalexander@comcast.net](mailto:lgalexander@comcast.net))

### **Our next Sunday at the Outdoor Church is coming up, April 29.**

The Outdoor Church is a ministry to the men and women who call the streets of Cambridge home. The Outdoor Church provides spiritual and physical sustenance. On the fifth Sunday of the month, the First Congregational Church helps to provide both. We have walkers — the youth are representing us. We need the ingredients for lunch — sandwich ingredients and other items. Want to help? View the weekly email or our website for the signup genius. We will be assembling the sandwiches after worship on April 29th — put it on your calendar.

### **Earth Day Sunday April 22 at 10 AM**

Concerned about climate change but not sure what you can do?

Wish you could be part of the solution?

Good News! The First Congregational Church of Winchester, United Church of Christ, is excited to announce the formation of a partnership between our congregation, the Green Congregation Taskforce and the Facilities Ministry.

Through the "Adopt a Light Initiative," there will be opportunities for all ages to take part in building a sustainable future for our beloved community. Through using available and cost-effective lighting technology, we can protect our planet and God's beloved creation for current and future generations.

You can take part by adopting an energy-efficient LED fixture or LED bulb that will replace older and costlier lighting. Every LED fixture or LED bulb that is adopted - is a faith-based action - and another step towards protecting God's beloved creation!

On Sunday, April 22, 2018, an Earth Day Service will be held - followed by an 11th-hour luncheon and presentation in Chidley Hall. All are welcome! Come, join us and adopt a light for God's good creation!

