

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Ein Lämmlein geht und trägt die Schuld

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Opening Chant

Until the Storms Pass, Psalm 57

Be merciful to me, O God

Be merciful to me. (2X)

For in you

My soul takes refuge

Until the storms pass by.

A Time of Silence

Call to Worship

Jennifer Wilson

One: Gather in all you seekers.

All: We have come to seek God's truth, to remember Christ's way, to open ourselves to the inspiration of the Spirit.

One: Gather in all you journeymen and journeywomen.

All: We are journeying through a world wrought with danger and trouble. We are journeying through a world infused with light and goodness. We have come here so that we can better attune ourselves to the light and better find ways to participate in the goodness.

One: Gather in all you worshippers.

All: Let us give thanks to God, offer prayers to the Creator, lift our voices in song to the Great Spirit, and invite the world to be transformed through the transformation of ourselves!

One: Come, let us worship together.

*Processional Hymn

Praise to the Living God

New Century Hymnal #8

Call to Confession

Rev. Judy Arnold

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us Lord God for lives that are at times low-vaulted and a pale reflection of what they out to be. Forgive us for blaming others rather than owning our own part, for circling the wagons and protecting ourselves at the expense of others. Forgive us for forsaking the foreigner and ignoring the immigrant and refusing the refugee. Forgive us for remaining silent when we should speak up and for speaking too much when we should remain silent. Forgive us for our heavy and hurtful weight of living upon this the earth, for all of our short-sighted lesser-than decisions that have long-term damaging consequences. We acknowledge that none of us are free from sin and we are grateful that none of us are excluded from your grace. Forgive us and raise the roof of our lives that we may better reflect the glory of You for the sake of the world, 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.

Scripture

John 15:9-17

Liturgist: Jennifer Wilson

NT pg. 109, LP NT pg.96

Sermon

"Giving Our Death Away"

Rev. Will Burhans

A Quiet Time for Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory

Anthem

Come Unto Me [2000]

Music by Stephen Chatman (b. 1950)

Texts from Matthew, John, Isaiah, and Revelation

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,

And I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me:

For I am meek and lowly in heart;

And ye shall find rest for your souls.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:

Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth.

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Alleluia! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

*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

One Bread, One Body

please see insert

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Invitation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Communion this morning is by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle, receive the elements by dipping the bread in the juice and partaking. Return to your seat by the side aisles. Deacons will gladly bring the elements out to those who are unable to come forward. All the bread is gluten free.)

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.

*Closing Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

New Century Hymnal #223

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Toccata

J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bradley Ross, our fellow congregant and late sexton, who died one year ago yesterday.

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

Mr. William Lewis, Custodian

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

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 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.

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Lent

10:00 Worship Service

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

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| Jessica McArdle and Family | Successful surgery for Stage 1 Breast Cancer |
| Emily Eddy, Mike Redding's sister | Strength |
| Michael Cantella, Regina Campbell's father | Healing from heart valve surgery |
| The Troisi Family | In their grief at the loss of Marcie's brother and Nick's father |
| Diane | For her surgery for cancer and her recovery |
| Lisa and Justin Loughlin | In their grief |
| Cheryl Paradise, a Dwelling Place guest | As her life draws to a close |
| Lucy Sanders | Continued healing & direction for Arthur & my future |
| Martha George | For courage and strength |
| 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

Help Needed! Two Night Owls: June 23rd 8pm-June 24th 230am

On June 24th, 13 youth and 3 adults are heading out to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico to dive deeper into their relationship with God. The youth are heading to the airport at 230am and because of that we are going to have them sleep at the church. We need 2 adults who would be willing to stay at the church until 2:00am with the youth. We need one male and one female. Email ben.pulaski@gmail.com if interested.

178th Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church in Winchester: Today 11:30-1:30 in Chidley Hall

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.

Spring Flower Sale for RIM Metro North Cluster

Now that it's finally spring, get into the spirit by ordering flowering plants from the RIM Metro North Cluster. Profits support our cluster's clients, who are in the process of seeking asylum. There are order sheets on the table in the reception area and at the back of the Sanctuary. Flowers are provided by E. Cressey and Son, a wholesale grower in Rowley, MA.

- Make checks payable to **RIM Metro North Cluster**
- Submit your order no later than **Sunday May 13th**. (Pick up plants on Sunday, May 20th.)
- Questions: Contact Linda Alexander lgalexander@comcast.net 617.763.0650

Bluegrass Music for Cantata Sunday, May 20, 2018:

Please join us on Sunday, 5/20, 10:00 a.m. for a very uplifting service! The Senior Choir presents a distinctive and festive morning of special music: composer Carol Barnett's and librettist Marisha Chamberlin's ***The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*** - a joyful affirmation of life, expressed in sophisticated choral sound and jubilant bluegrass harmonies. The work is a brilliant and exhilarating blend of the classical mass, modern choral sophistication, insightful poetry and traditional bluegrass instrumentation. *A Bluegrass Mass* is scored for Soloists, Chorus and BLUEGRASS BAND: mandolin, fiddle, banjo, guitar and bass. Along with joyful bluegrass music, Reverend Will Burhans will deliver a meaningful message, along with readings, prayers, scripture and hymns. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music and Worship Arts, jringfrank@comcast.net.

RIM International Concert on May 10th

The Refugee Immigration Ministry will present its annual International Concert on Thursday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m., First Parish Malden, 2 Elm Street, Malden, MA. Tickets \$20 / Students \$10. Purchase tickets at the door or online at <http://www.r-i-m.net>. The concert, a multicultural event, includes performers from NOOR Ensemble, Koleinu (Boston's Jewish Community Chorus), a Hindu Choir, New England Sikh Study Circle, Baptist and Unitarian church choirs, and Sarah Campbell, a Winchester High School freshman who studies at New England Conservatory Prep. (and who is part of FCC Winchester!).

Interfaith Service Opportunity June 10

Zahra Hasanaat is a social service organization of the Muslim Community promoting interfaith experiences during Ramadan. Last June, members of several Winchester congregations gathered together in service at Rosie's place to prepare and serve a meal. It was a truly meaningful experience to do the work together. Local resident, Fehmida Chipity, organized it.. We are again being invited to participate. This time we are making lunch and need to be at Rosie's Place from 10:00 am -12:30 pm. As you probably observed this activity begins the same time as our worship. It feels like there are many ways one could consider this time in service as worship. It being Ramadan may also lead us deeper. I, Judy, am going and would love to bring one or two members of the congregation. Let me know if you are interested – no cooking experience needed. jarnoldfccw@verizon.net

Second Wednesday Bible Study

As the name says, a group of church people meet on the second Wednesday of each month for Bible Study. The composition of the group changes from meeting to meeting so you can come when you can without being 'behind'. This month we are going to begin reading some of the parables, specifically Parables of Grace. We begin with Matthew 17:24-27 – the coin in the fish's mouth; and Matthew 18:10-14 and Luke 15:3-7 – the lost sheep. The words and stories from Jesus' Parables are often part of everyday vernacular without the context and setting. We'll try to go a little deeper. Come join us, Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Health Ministry office (ask or use the new map if you don't know where this is). We end promptly at 8:30.

Summer Worship – Preachers and Musicians

Summer services begin on June 24. They start at 10 a.m., are held in the sanctuary and last for about 45 minutes. The shortness in length doesn't reflect their power. Some of the most moving messages are shared in the summer when congregation members do the majority of the preaching. It is a great experience to hear from fellow church members. And a wonderful gift from those who say 'yes'. Please think about whether you might have a message to share with your community. Because the choir takes a well deserved summer break, we also invite congregation members to share their musical talents. Todd Gordon of our sister Second Congregational Church plays the service music – hymns, etc. He is also happy to lend support to those who wish to play an instrument or sing. Feel a call to either of these offerings? Have questions or want to be talked into it? Email Judy (jarnoldfccw@verizon.net) and we'll find a date that works.

Relay for Life

Our names are Madi Corvi, Lulu Girotti and Carly Von Halle we are participating in the Relay for Life along with seven of our other friends. Relay for Life is a fundraiser for cancer research. When the sun goes down at the Relay For Life event, hope shines the brightest. During the Luminaria Ceremony, hundreds of luminaria light the track or path to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that has taken too much. Our team will be taking the names of your loved ones that you have decided to share with us and be decorating the bags. All you have to do is fill out as many forms as you would like with a recommended donation of \$5 per bag. We will be down in coffee hour today with the forms.

Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 12:4, 12-13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4-6; The Didache 9

John Foley, S.J.

INTRO *Tranquil and slow* (♩ = 69)

REFRAIN

mf a tempo

One bread, one bod-y,

f rit. mf a tempo

G C/G G C/G G C/G Gmaj7 C/G

one Lord of all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.

G D/F# Em B Em D/F# G Em A

rit. a tempo

And we, though man-y, through-out the earth,

D D7 G C/G Gmaj7 C/G G D/F# Em B

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rit. **1-3** *a tempo* **Final**

we are one bod - y in this one Lord. Lord.

Em D/F# G Em A D D7 G C/G G C/G G D/F# G C/G

rit. a tempo a tempo

to Verses

VERSES *Slightly faster, with excitement* (♩ = 72)

rit. Fine f marcato

1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

G C/G G C/G G C/G G Fine Em D Em

rit. f marcato

mp rit. D.S.

1. free, wom - an or man, no more.
2. works, one in the Lord of all.
3. grown, gath - ered to one, for all.

D Em F Am D D7 D.S.

mp rit.