

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Komm Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Prelude

Andante from Op. 41, #2

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

A Time of Silence

Call to Worship (from the Iona Community Book of Worship)

Ben Pulaski

One: Out of the silence before time began God brought forth the music of creation.

All: Out of the stillness of the dark morning, God called another day into being.

One: Out of the dead end tomb where they laid Jesus' body,
God drew forth the resurrected Christ.

**All: Out of the emptiness of souls who believed there was no hope,
God brought joy and inspiration to change worlds.**

One: And out of this moment, wherever we each find ourselves,
we can know that God is at work to open new doors and invite us into new directions.

**All: Let us worship this morning in the love of God, the mercy of Jesus
Christ and the unity of the Holy Spirit, amen!**

*Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

Pilgrim Hymnal #246

*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer (From the Iona Community)

Living God, our loving parent: you cherish your creation and we praise you.

**With earth, air, water, fire: in our element as your children, we praise
you. With our lips, with our lives, in all our diversity, each one made in your
image, we praise you. Because, in Jesus, you came to share our human lives, our
sorrow and joy, we praise you. Because, your Spirit is at work today:
encouraging, enabling, surprising us, we praise you. Poor as we are, you give us
hope: salt of the earth, you give us meaning and purpose and we praise you, as
we pray in Jesus name:**

**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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Pilgrim Hymnal #335

Sacred Texts

John 3:1-8

"Some Kiss We Want" by Jalal ad-Din Rumi

Liturgist: Christine and Taylor Tresselt
NT pg. 93, LP NT pg. 81

Sermon

"Opening the Love Window"

Rev. Will Burhans

A Quiet Time for Reflection

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory

Little Duet on Adoro te [2008]

Jane Rink Frank, piano

Jeffrey Mead, organ

Gregory Hamilton

*Doxology

**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.**

NCH #780

*Closing Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

New Century Hymnal #597

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein (BWV 734)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Theo Greene and our parents: Joshua & Verona Whatmough, and Phillips F. & Ruth A. Greene, by Fred Greene and family.

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)

May 27, 2018
Trinity Sunday
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 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.

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

Shannon Gilmour and family	In her grief for the passing of her father
Leonore Eforo	In her grief at the passing of her mother
Jessica McArdle and Family	Successful surgery for Stage 1 Breast Cancer
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
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

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.

Spring Fellowship Gathering

Wednesday, May 30th at 2 pm in the Palmer Room

Open to *all of our members and families*, you are invited to join us for an afternoon of music, refreshments and fellowship as we enjoy the Sounds of Grace Choir. The Ministry Team will serve the refreshments and provide an update on the youth and adult mission trips. Health Ministry is pleased to host the event and ask that you RSVP - YES to 781-729-9180 ext.: 106.



Boston Gay Pride Parade

June 9

The Christian Church unfortunately continues to be an institution in many places around our country and world that fosters misunderstanding and mistreatment of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters, interpreting God's word in scripture as unequivocally condemning homosexuality. 17 years ago when the First Congregational Church in Winchester voted to be an Open and Affirming Congregation we made it unequivocally clear that we do not accept this perspective as true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and instead we "welcome all people - people of all races and ages, mental and physical abilities, gender or sexual orientation, from different backgrounds of economic class, ethnicity, and religious tradition - to join us in worship and to participate in the full life and ministry of our church." This is why for many years now we have had members of our church walk in the Gay Pride Parade in Boston, to make our stance public and clear. Given where many other churches land on this issue, it's particularly important that we show up! So please consider representing our church on Saturday, June 9 and join Rev. Will, and others as we walk in solidarity with members of the LGBTQ community through the streets of Boston. We will attend the Pride Interfaith Service at 11 am at Old South Church and then walk in the parade at 12.

What's Coming Up!

Did you know that church development studies have shown 85% of new comers first come to church because a friend or acquaintance invited them? Consider inviting a friend to one of our last three worship services of this program year. **June 3rd** is communion Sunday and the bell choir will be playing. **June 10th** is Children and Youth Sunday and we'll be welcoming in 11 new members and having a Spring Picnic out on the front lawn immediately following worship. **June 17th** is another toe-tapping Jazz Worship service replete with drums, bass, piano, and horns and we have the pleasure of baptizing little Lillian Pulaski. Don't leave us until you have to and even then remember that worship continues throughout the summer; a little more casual, a little more variety, same vital Spirit!