

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Little Partita for Pentecost

James Woodman (b. 1957)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Jubilant Celebration [1998]

The Carilloneers

J. Wayne Kerr

Call to Worship

(Adapted from Dan Schutte's prayer in "Fragments of Your Ancient Name")

Kathleen Zagata

One: Let us sit beneath God's tree of life this morning in our worship service and receive the green aliveness offered here.

All: Let the unseen energy of God's love sing in us like photosynthesis making music in happy leaves.

One: Let our weeks and months and years with God gather around us and hum a history of God's kindness through our lives.

All: Let us rejoice that always God is with us greening our lives with grace.

One: Let us worship with grateful hearts, Amen!

*Processional Hymn

O Day of Radiant Gladness

New Century Hymnal #66

Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

(Adapted from Joyce Rupp's prayer in "Fragments of Your Ancient Name")

Kathleen Zagata

Slow us, Mothering God, from the frantic pace this sabbath day.

Help us to halt the constant pressure of getting the hurried things done.

For this day, let us dawdle the day away, ease into this morning snail-like.

Give us the wisdom to savor what we usually rush by,

And grant us permission to simply tinker here and there.

Then, at the end of the day,

Let us be content, O God, with having done nothing

except enjoying our time with You.

In Jesus name we 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.

Scripture

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Mark 2:23-28

Liturgist: Candace Mullane

OT pg. 162, LP OT pg.151

NT pg. 36, LP NT pg. 32

Sermon

"Timeliness and Godliness"

Rev. Will Burhans

A Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Anthem

Going to Sit Down and Rest Awhile

Traditional Spiritual/arr. Sigval Tveit, 1981

Going to sit down and rest awhile...when my good Lord calls me.

Sister Mary went to heaven, and she went there to stay,

And she didn't go to come back no more.

She sang a song that the angels couldn't sing: "Hosianna carry on."

Little children, don't you moan...when my good Lord calls me.

Going to sit down and rest awhile...when my good Lord calls me.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

New Century Hymnal # 473

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Invitation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(The Deacons will distribute the bread and cup in the pews this morning. Everyone is welcome to participate but if you choose not to, please pass the plate to the person beside you.

Hold the bread or the cup until everyone is served and the Pastor invites all to partake. All the bread is gluten free and the cups are filled with grape juice.)

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

New Century Hymnal #489

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Blessed Assurance

arr. John Carter

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our anniversary by Rick Forzese and Julianne Zimmerman.

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)

June 3, 2018

Second Sunday After Pentecost

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 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.

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

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| 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 |
| Diane | For her surgery for cancer and her recovery |
| Lucy Sanders | Continued healing & direction for Arthur & my future |
| 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

P&D Fund

On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' & Deacons' Fund. This fund offers monetary aid to congregation members who are experiencing an urgent need for financial crisis assistance. Please consider a donation as part of your worship today.

Rev. Judy is away on retreat this weekend.

She writes: "From Friday June 1 to Sunday June 3, I will be on retreat in Sewanee, Tennessee at The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development. The focus of the retreat is Welcoming Prayer, a practice that I have found meaningful and hope to deepen. Centering Prayer will also be a major part of the weekend. I am so grateful to the Congregation for the funds you provide the Ministry Team to enable us to engage in these Continuing Education and Spiritual Reflection opportunities. After the retreat, Sunday morning, I plan to go to Nashville and spend the night with my younger brother and his wife, before returning Monday night

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.

FCC Men's Group

Sunday, June 3rd from 7-9 PM

4 Heritage Drive, Woburn (Paul and Lynne Rahmeier's house)

All FCC men and their guests are welcome We discuss matters that are personal and spiritual. Pot-luck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com.

Boston Gay Pride Parade

Saturday, 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 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!

The Dwelling Place needs volunteers for

Saturday, June 16th!

We are looking for 4 - 5 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 30 people at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, June 16th. The Dwelling Place is a collaboration of area churches that prepares and serves meals at the United Methodist Church in Woburn for individuals and families in need. Our FCC is responsible for preparing and serving the meal on the third Saturday of each month.

Can you and your family or friends help?

- Volunteers can be adults and children.
- Serving time is only 2 hours -- from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- The food is simple and easy to prepare.

If you want to serve but are not sure you can prepare the food, we can help with that. We also can provide gift cards to help with food expense.

To sign up, please contact your FCC Dwelling Place coordinators:

Lisa Loughlin (781.346.1241) lisa3abp@aol.com

Linda Alexander (617.763.0650) lgalexander@comcast.net

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Saturday, June 16 in Lawrence

Please join our crew at the Habitat for Humanity site in Lawrence on one (or more!) of our upcoming workdays. We typically meet at the church around 7:45 AM and carpool up to the site, returning sometime in the late afternoon. The Habitat organization appreciates when we can provide a head count, so if you're able to join us, please contact either Doug Taylor (mccall.taylor@verizon.net) or Andrew Beltz (andrewjbeltz@gmail.com). Thank you!