

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Ricercar primo

Girolamo Cavazzoni (1520-77)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Moment of Silence

Prelude

Anthem (Op. 39, #4/1)

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Call to Worship

Rev. Will Burhans

One: Let us call one another to worship this morning with the words of the late trappist monk Thomas Merton: Christ loves us and espouses us as his own, since we are the body of Christ. Be content! Be content!

All: We are the body of Christ. We have found him. He has found us. We are in him and he is in us. Be content!

One: There is nothing further to look for except the deepening of the life that we already possess in him. Be content!

All: We worship this morning content in God's creation, joined in the Body of Christ, alive in the Spirit of love!

*Processional Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

NCH #12

Gathering Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

Lord Christ, you are the still center of every storm. In you is calm, whatever the wind outside. In you is reassurance, however high the waves. In you is strength however contrary the tide. In you is refuge, however great the flood. We thank you for your faithfulness and pray we remain faithful to you. 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.

Time for the Young

Rev. Judy Arnold

*Hymn

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

NCH #531

Testimony

Lisa Loughlin

Scripture.

Psalm 19

Liturgist: Taylor Tresselt
OT pg. 498 LP OT pg. 461

Psalm 19

Response

Antiphon: Jean Slates Hawk, 1994

O God, you are my rock and my re-deem-er.

James 3:1-12

NT pg.230, LP NT pg. 203

Sermon

"Tongue-Tied"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Anthem

"In This Still Room" from *A Sacred Place*

Music by Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

Text by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92), G.W., alt.

And so I find it well to come for deeper rest to this small room.
For here the habit of the soul feels less the outer world's control.
Light of God, the strength of human purpose pleads more earnestly our common needs,
In this still room.
And from this silence multiplied by these still forms on either side,
The world that time and sense have known falls off and leaves us God alone.
I find it well to come for deeper rest to this still room.

*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.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

*Closing Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

NCH #42

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Praeambulum

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of family and friends of Kris Montgomery & John Montgomery. Today's Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of Isabel and Everett Goss, by their 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. Ms. 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. Ed Banzy, Building Manager
Mr. Bill Lewis, Custodian
Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

September 16, 2018

Seventeenth 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 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 ...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Nai 'Quan Hamilton, nephew of Lisa Loughlin	For mercy from the criminal justice system
Caroline	For healing
Dylan Mullane	Recovering from surgery
Anne Linehan	For healing as she battles cancer
Anthony Rozmanith	For healing
Rachel, friend of Mike Redding	For healing from cancer
Janet Snover	For continued strength in her battle against brain cancer

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

Upcoming Events

Are you ready for some FOOTBALL?!? Thursday, October 4th at 8:15pm

Join Rev. Will and Ben in Chidley as we watch the Patriots take on the Colts on our 12 foot screen. We will have snacks and beverages. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors. For more information contact Rev. Will (william.burhans@gmail.com) or Ben (ben.pulaski@gmail.com)

Organ Dedication & Celebration Concert

Please join us on **SUNDAY, September 30, 2018, 2:00 p.m., for a Special Organ Dedication and Celebration Concert:** In honor of the restoration of First Congregational Church's beloved Fisk organ, Opus 50, the church offers a delightful and jubilant concert of organ and keyboard music – performed by FCC's masterful organist, Jeffrey Mead, along with some of Winchester's most accomplished guest organists and keyboardists: John Kramer from Winchester Unitarian Society; Jane Bergeron O'Keefe from St. Mary's Parish; Timothy Hughes from St. Eulalia's. This concert is the perfect opportunity to thank and honor our faithful donors, whose generosity revived this lovely and important instrument. Co-sponsored by FCC's Health & Wellness Ministry and Music & Worship Arts Ministry, the concert features diverse treasures for organ: Dieterich Buxtehude's stunning *Prelude & Fugue in d minor*; Francis Jackson's charming *Georgian Suite*; Charles Ives' cheeky and adventurous *Variations on "America"*; John Kramer's own *Sine Nomine* and *Nun danket alle Gott*. The concert, **free and open to the public**, will be followed by a warm reception in the Palmer, Tucker and Henry Rooms.

Ingredients Needed for the Outdoor Church. Walkers are Needed Too!

On the 5th Sunday of the month (4 times a year), the First Congregational Church makes and brings sandwiches and other items to the Outdoor Church congregation in Cambridge. Our tradition is to make the sandwiches in the kitchen after worship on "our" Sunday using ingredients donated by the Congregation. Two to five members of the congregation volunteer to deliver the food and to spend a few hours with the clergy of the Outdoor Church following a route around Harvard and Central Squares offering food to those who are hungry. There are some people who are ongoing members of the Outdoor Church and some we will only see once or twice. This sign up is to gather the ingredients needed. Our next Sunday is September 30th – you can deliver ingredients to the church kitchen the week prior to that date. Sign up on our homepage or through our weekly email.

Transgender Awareness and Understanding Sunday Sep 23rd after worship (~11:30 to 1:30)

You are invited to attend an 11th hour session on Sunday September 23rd in the Palmer Room to learn about what it means to be transgender. Find out what the letters in LGBTQIA stand for. Learn about gender identities and the myriad terms that are evolving to capture the transgender experience. Explore why the Christian teaching of unconditional love and welcoming all with joy is so important for the transgender community. A light lunch will be served.

I am the proud parent of a non-binary, gender nonconforming 24-year-old whose pronouns are they/them/their. I will be presenting information that I have learned – from both of my 20-something children, from books, from presentations and from organizations such as SpeakOUT and PFLAG. Reverends Will and Judy will also make some remarks. Please come and bring your learning heart with you! ~Anne Hoenicke, for the Adult Faith Exploration Ministry

Ruth Group Discussing John Singer Sargent Tonight at 7 PM

The first meeting of the Ruth group will be held at Lynne Rahmeier's house, 4 Heritage Drive, Woburn. The books to be discussed are *Strapless: John Singer Sargent and the Fall of Madame X* by Deborah Davis and *Sargent's Women: Four Lives Behind the Canvas* by Donna M. Lucey. All women are invited to attend. If in need of a ride, please contact Maryann McCall-Taylor at maryann@mccall-taylor.com.

SAVE THE DATE!!! November 3RD, 2018 5-10pm

IT'S BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Fun, Festive, Fellowship. Church Progressive Dinner. Saturday, Signups online and in Chidley Hall will begin within the next several weeks!

WINCHESTER TEEN INTERFAITH EXPERIENCE

Sunday, October 14, 10 AM Town Common

All teenagers are invited to learn about major world religions, visit houses of worship, and observe (or participate in) traditional worship services through the Interfaith Teen Experiences project. Each month, teens are invited to visit a different faith community. Youth leaders, religious leaders, and teens will welcome them and talk about their faith.

All middle and high school students are welcome. Show up each month or just come to the Experiences that you're most interested in. Whether you belong to a faith community; are spiritual but not religious; are an agnostic or atheist, or something else--you are welcome. This is an educational series intended to build understanding and create bridges across beliefs.

The first Teen Interfaith Experience is on October 14 at 10 a.m. at the First Congregational Church, 21 Church Street, Winchester. Join a progressive Protestant Christian denomination, the United Church of Christ, for its annual Blessing of the Animals outside on the Town Common (across from the Church; feel free to bring your own animal). Afterward, join other teens at the Church for snacks, icebreakers, and information about the Church and denomination.

Our Confirmation Plan

Dear Parents of High School Youth - This year would have been the year we held a Confirmation process, however we decided to encourage your youth to attend the beautiful Interfaith Program that has been designed by Patricia Brady. We felt this would be a good precursor this year to a more in depth study of Christianity and the church next year. So our plan is to offer the Winchester Teen Interfaith Experience monthly in the 2018-2019 program year and then next year, 2019-2020, to offer a monthly Confirmation program. We believe this plan will not result in any youth missing the confirmation process. Please call me if this is in fact not the case or if you have any other questions or concerns. Peace, Rev. Will

Starting Tuesday Sep 25th – Introduction to the Old Testament

On Tuesday evenings at 7:00-8:30 p.m. for 6 weeks, we will be offering the second course of the Massachusetts Bible Society's Exploring the Bible series Introducing the Old Testament.

This second course helps you better understand the Old Testament in the context of the world in which it was written. The Old Testament is the story of the Jewish people and their distinctive God, giving us a glimpse through story, song, history, and law of the rocky, raucous, faithful, fumbling beginnings of one of the oldest religions on earth.

You don't need to know a thing to participate and you don't have to have taken the first course, but if you did we hope you sign up again. Join Rev Will Burhans and Anne Hoenicke, class leaders, for lively discussion, small group exercises and faith enriching study of scripture. Student Guides will be provided. Class size is limited so you'll need to sign up on our homepage or through the weekly email.

Health Ministry Corner:

Centering Prayer-Prepare to Worship

Join us for Centering Prayer on Sunday, September 23 at 9am in the Palmer Room for a 25 minute introduction and guided prayer session. Open to those who are curious about centering prayer and those familiar with the practice.

Using a sacred word, Centering Prayer draws one's focus and attention to interior stillness and an intention to open to God's presence and action within.

NAMI Family to Family Educational Series starts Tuesday, September 18th from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at the First Congregational Church of Winchester, MA. This 12 week educational series for family and friends of individuals affected with mental illness/brain disorders is offered free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Contact Judy at jkenson@comcast.net or 978-273-0811.