

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Voluntary*

Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

## Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

## Moment of Silence

## Prelude

*Vater unser im Himmelreich*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: We have come to praise our Creator

**All: We have come believing in the possibility of change.**

One: We have come open to the change our Creator calls forth from us.

**All: Unafraid, we give ourselves to this hour and to our Creator.**

## \*Processional Hymn

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

NCH #86

## \*Gathering Prayer (from the New Century Hymnal)

Kathleen Zagata

**O God, distant yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. Be among us this day. Hear the confessions of our mouths and the yearnings of our hearts. Help us change the narrowness of our vision and the pettiness of our living. Make us new again with your holy grace. Grant us the maturity to accept your many gifts in humility and to use them with faithfulness. Grant to us your spirit that our worship may have integrity and energy, ever witnessing to your holy presence in our lives. We praise and give thanks to you, Eternal Presence and through Jesus Christ we pray...**

**Our Father (or use "Mother" or "Creator") 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

Ben Pulaski

## Testimony

Steve Haggett

## \*Hymn

*I Would Be True*

NCH #492

## Scripture

Mark 9: 38-50

Liturgist: Julianne Zimmerman

NT pg. 45, LP NT pg. 39

## Sermon

Rev. Judy Arnold

## Quiet Time for Reflection

## Offertory

Anthem

*Send Down Thy Peace, O God* [2018]

Music by Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949)

Text by Edward Rowland Sill (1841-87)

Send down Thy truth, O God, too long the shadows frown;

Too long the darkened way we've trod: Thy truth, O Lord, send down.

Send down Thy spirit free, till wilderness and town,

One temple for Thy worship be: Thy spirit, O send down.

Send down Thy love, Thy life, our lesser lives to crown,

And cleanse them of their hate and strife: Thy living love send down.

Send down Thy peace, O Lord: Earth's bitter voices drown

In one deep Ocean of accord: Thy peace, O God, send down.

## \*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. Will Burhans

## \*Closing Hymn

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

NCH #391

## Benediction

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

## Postlude

*Giga*

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

# Today's Worship Service

## Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bertha Schwint and Betty Luettich by their Granddaughter Debbie Johnston. The Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of Ethel LeRuth, by Susan, David, Kristen, Meghan, and Casey Leathers.

## Meet Our Church

**First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, An Open and Affirming Congregation**

21 Church Street, Winchester, MA 01890      781-729-9180      [www.fcc-winchester.org](http://www.fcc-winchester.org)  
facebook.com/fccwucc      Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

*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)

## 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.

**September 30, 2018**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 Worship Service

*People for Whom We Are Praying ...*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Alice, friend of John Keeley	For strength
Althea Shirley	For continued peace and acceptance in her cancer journey
Barbara Hoekelman	Healing and comfort
Caroline	For healing
Dylan Mullane	Recovering from surgery
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



### Organ Dedication & Celebration Concert

Please join us **TODAY** at , **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 keyboard music – performed by FCC's masterful organist, Jeffrey Mead, along with some of Winchester's most accomplished guest organists: John Kramer from Winchester Unitarian Society; Jane Bergeron O'Keefe from St. Mary's Parish; Timothy Hughes from St. Eulalia's; Harry Kelton, former FCC organist. 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 historical and contemporary treasures for organ. The concert, **free and open to the public**, will be followed by a warm reception in the Palmer, Tucker and Henry Rooms.

### 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)

### Sandwich Makers Wanted for After Church Today

On the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Volunteers from the church (and beyond) deliver the food and 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.

Today is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Our tradition is to make the sandwiches in the kitchen after worship on "our" Sunday using the ingredients donated by the Congregation. If you can help make sandwiches and pack them up for delivery, join us in the kitchen after worship today. Children are welcome to join in this ministry – so the whole family can come.

Thank you to our sandwich makers and walkers who have volunteered today to bring sandwiches to the homeless of Cambridge through Outdoor Church

### You are invited to FCCW's Progressive Dinner!

**Saturday, November 3, 5:30-10 PM**

*This is an adults-only event*

How it Works: Three courses are served at three different locations. We'll start all together for appetizers at Elizabeth & David Page's home, then split off into small groups for dinner, and then meet in larger groups at one of 2 or 3 host homes for dessert and socializing.

Sign up on our homepage to:

Host Dinner (for 8-10)	Host Dessert (for 25-40)
Bring an entrée	Bring a side dish
Bring an appetizer	Bring a dessert

Any questions, just ask Susan Rozmanith rozmanith@hotmail.com or 781-771-7211



### 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.

### FCC recognized as an Environmentally Progressive Church

Having taken concrete steps towards reducing our church's carbon footprint, last June FCC joined other "green" UCC churches in New England. With the support of our congregation, along with Facilities, the Green Congregation Taskforce, the Office of Treasurer and the Building Manager's oversight, FCC now has efficient, cost-effective and state-of-the-art lighting technology. Now, we are officially recognized as a Level One green church by the Mass Conference of the United Church of Christ (MACUCC). Congratulations!

Having joined other UCC churches in the MACUCC that are leaders, innovators and role models in the environmental movement, FCC will continue to evaluate opportunities going forward. It is our hope to ultimately achieve Level Two and Level Three of the Green Congregation Challenge. For when churches such as ours, align faith with specific, concrete action - then even small steps - can become a catalyst for hope.