

Order of Worship: All Souls Sunday

Prelude

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit (BWV 669)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

Chant

“From the Narrows - Psalm 118:5”

I call to you from the narrows, from the narrows
You brought me into a spacious place.

A Time of Silence

Call to Worship

One: As we gather this morning we recognize that we are not alone.

All: God, Our Maker, is as close as our very breath.

One: Our friends in the faith sit beside us and join us in song, prayer and praise.

All: And our ancestors accompany us as well in the mysterious and vital realm of eternity.

One: Remembering that we are never alone, let us worship God together.

*Processional Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

NCH #597

*Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

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

Holy God, you are our Deliverer and for this we are grateful. Deliver us from restless anxiety and impatience, from the desire to dominate others, from disregard for those in need, from seeking to be perfect. Deliver us from destructive, gossiping words, from immersion in selfish ambition, from self-pity and self-doubt. Deliver us from intolerance of others' faults, from the impulse to blame or shame, and from all attempts to deny, limit or destroy love. We pray for our deliverance as you delivered our ancestors before us. 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.

Guest Steward

Janet Vaughn

A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

*Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

NCH #223

Scripture

Scripture - Hebrews 12:1-3

Reading - "Blessing the Way" by Jan Richardson

Liturgist: Georgia Keeler
NT pg. 126, LP NT pg. 200

Sermon

“The Souls Before Us”

Rev. Will Burhans

Altar Building

Anthem

Even When He Is Silent [2011]

Music by Kim André Arnesen (b. 1980)
Text: Anonymous, 20th c.

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I feel it not.
I believe in God, even when He is silent.

(During the anthem you are invited to come forward to place a representation of your ancestor on the front table. Feel free to use any aisle.)

Prayer over our Ancestors

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory

For All the Saints

James Woodman (b. 1957)

*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

For All the Saints

NCH #299

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

(Please offer "peace" or "The peace of Christ" to your neighbor as you depart)

Postlude

Offertoire

François Couperin (1668-1733)

SPECIAL NOTE on this morning's music:

Even When He Is Silent was commissioned by the St. Olaf Festival in Trondheim, Norway and was premiered by the Nidaros Cathedral Boys' Choir and conductor Bjørn Moe on November 26, 2011, in Nidaros Cathedral, Trondheim. The text was found written on a wall at the Cologne concentration camp, after World War II. The composer writes, “As I read them, it was a Credo – when everything is dark and difficult in life you might wonder where God is, or if God is there at all. This is about keeping faith in God, love, and hope...Even if people take away your freedom, your friends, the people you love – they cannot take God away from you.”

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Lilian P. Smith, by her daughter Martha Wishart 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. Ed Banzy, Building Manager

Mr. Bill Lewis, Custodian

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

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

October 28, 2018

Twenty-third 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>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Rev. Norm Bendroth and the Congregation of the First Baptist Church in Wakefield	For healing, wisdom, comfort, and faith as they find their path forward after the devastating fire that took their church building
Susan LaViolette and Debra Ludwig	Comfort and strength as they deal with the injuries sustained by their mother, Anna, when she was struck by a car in Winchester center.
Nai'Quan Hamilton	For courage and strength as he attends his pre-trial Monday
Guests of the Dwelling Place	In their grief from the passing of John Giffune
For the family of Uretha Meeks	Comfort at her passing
The Thomas Mahoney Family	For comfort at the passing of Paul Mahoney
Alice, friend of John Keeley	For strength
Althea Shirley	For continued peace and acceptance in her cancer journey
Barbara Hoekelman	Healing and comfort
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

NCIS: New-Comers Information Sessions

Today at 11:30 in the Will's Office

If you'd like to learn more about the First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, or are interested in becoming a member, please join us for one of our informal sharing and informational sessions in Rev. Will's office, immediately following worship. Children are welcome to come and/or childcare will be provided. The gathering will last about 45 minutes. Please join us!

Speak OUT Transgender Awareness Event

Tomorrow Night, 7 PM

Please join us for an additional awareness session on Monday October 29th in the Palmer and Tucker rooms for a panel of speakers from SpeakOUT Boston, the nation's oldest LGBTQIA speakers bureau, as each panel member tells their personal story.

SpeakOUT Ask Us Anything

SpeakOUT encourage questions from their audiences. Their speakers are trained to solicit questions and respond to comments in an atmosphere of respect and forthrightness. They listen for underlying myths and we help audiences feel at ease raising difficult issues.

Our Christian tradition teaches unconditional love, extravagant welcome, and deep compassion for the vulnerable and marginalized. As each of us considers Massachusetts ballot question #3, that asks us whether to preserve protections for transgender people in all public accommodations, come listen to the personal experiences and stories of the transgender community to inform your head and heart.

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Exploration Ministry at FCCW

Give freely — Grow all the richer! Welcome to Your Stewardship Season!

As certain as autumn leaves, busy fall calendars and the Red Sox, Stewardship Season is upon us again! While "gratitude" is a year round state-of-mind and practice, we are called on at this time in particular to faithfully consider our blessings and commit to our individual annual financial support of our church. We are all "stewards" of God's church here in Winchester, which means we have the joy and responsibility of caring for it — through our attendance and participation; our gifts of time, talent, energy and financial support.

This year's stewardship theme is "Give freely and grow all the richer!" (Proverbs 11:24). Through Pledge Sunday (November 4), you'll be asked to reflect on not only the many ways in which the missions of our church — ministry, music, outreach, Christian education and many more — rely on your generous support, but also on how those who financially support our church are enriched by the church's many gifts and by the very practice of giving.

You should have received (or will soon) a Narrative Budget mailed to all church families. It shows -- through pictures, graphics and, yes, some budget numbers! -- how your financial support directly enables our community to live its purpose of being Christ-centered; serving in love; and welcoming all with joy. A Q&A document is also included, which you might find helpful if the practice of "pledging" is new to you, or you need a refresher on how it works.

We will celebrate Pledge Sunday on November 4. At that time (or sooner, if you'd prefer) we invite you to renew or increase your pledge — or pledge for the first time! — by including your completed pledge card in the day's offering. You may also mail it to the church in care of the treasurer, Bruce Lauterwasser or send a confidential email with your pledge amount to first.congregational@verizon.net.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Financial Resources Commission, Rev. Will or Rev. Judy, or the church's treasurer. Thank you for participating in this important annual event.

Yours faithfully,

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Attention all Middle School and High School Students!

Our next interfaith experience is happening November 9th at the Temple.

During your visit: You are invited to participate in a Friday evening Shabbat service at 7:30 pm on November 9th. Our choir, Shir Chadash, will be singing beautiful melodies under direction of our cantor, Beth Levin. Come early at 6:45 pm for pizza and drinks as Beth; Bailee Star, our education director; and Cari Bricklin Small, our rabbi, explain some fundamental elements of our service. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have!

Community Bean Soup Supper, Anyone?

Last year we turned the decades-old First Church tradition of the Bean Supper into the BEAN SOUP SUPPER making it healthier and easier to accomplish and offered it for free to the wider community on the Town Tree Lighting night. As usual it was a lovely event with over 130 people slurping up our soups made with love. This year it's on Thursday night, December 6th - only about a month away! - and we need a few helpful folks to join John Keeley and Margaret McIndoe to spear-head the effort. Because it's been simplified, it's not an overwhelming effort and many many people chip in to help accomplish the supper. If you are willing to help in this effort please email John at jjk227@gmail.com or Margaret at marg.mcindoe@gmail.com and let us know! Thanks so much!