

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Variations on "Kremser"*

Daniel Berghout

## Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

## A Time of Silence

## Prelude

*Hymns of Grateful Praise* [2006] ROYAL OAK and DIX/arranged by Dan R. Edwards  
The Carilloneers

## Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: The poet David Whyte says "Gratitude is the understanding that many millions of things come together and love together and mesh together and breathe together in order for us to take even one breath of air, that the underlying gift of life and incarnation as a living, participating human being is a privilege; that we are miraculously, part of something, rather than nothing." With an attitude of gratitude, let us worship together this morning, conscious of the privilege of life itself and offering prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to God who is responsible for it all. Amen?

**All: We worship together aware of the privilege of life itself and we offer prayer and praise and thanksgiving to God who is responsible for it all. Amen!**

## \*Opening Hymn

*We Gather Together*

PH #21

**\*Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** (adapted from Ted Loder) Kathleen Zagata  
**Now, O Lord, calm us into a quietness that heals and listens and molds our longings and passions, our wounds and wonderings, into a more holy and human shape. Our lives are touched by You and we believe that you want something for us and something of us. Give us ears to hear You, eyes to see You, and a heart quickened by the motions of Your Spirit. 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.**

## Sacrament of Baptism

Archie Charles Penna and Claire Charles Penna

## \*Hymn

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

NCH #325

## Scripture

Psalm 16  
Mark 13:1-8

Liturgist: Laurie Roby  
OT pg. 495, LP OT pg. 458  
NT pg. 50, LP NT pg. 43

## Sermon

"The Coming Apocalypse"

Rev. Will Burhans

## Quiet Time for Reflection

## Offertory

Anthem

*Go Where I Send Thee*

Gospel Spiritual/arr. Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory, 1995

Children go where I send thee! Children how shall I send thee?  
I'm gonna send thee one by one, one for the little bitty baby,  
The baby boy who was born in Bethlehem.  
I'm gonna send thee two by tow, two for Paul and Silas...  
I'm gonna send thee six by six, six for the days when the world was fixed,  
Five for the bread they did divide, four for the Gospel writers,  
Three for the Hebrew children, two for Paul and Silas...  
I'm gonna send thee twelve by twelve, twelve for the disciples,  
'leven of 'em singin' in heaven, ten for the ten commandments,  
Nine for the angel choirs divine, eight for the eight the flood couldn't take,  
Seven for the day God laid down his head, six for the days when the world was fixed...  
Go, go, go, go...where I send thee!

## \*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

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

Rev. Judy Arnold

## \*Closing Hymn

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

PH #461

## Benediction

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

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

## Postlude

*Kremser (vs. 6)*

Berghout

**SPECIAL NOTE ON TODAY'S MUSIC:** *Go Where I Send Thee* is an early African-American gospel song. It is cumulative in structure, with each verse built up from the previous one by appending a new stanza. You will hear one-line reminders of some of the biblical stories on which the African-American musical tradition is based. Some of the scriptural references are evident; other are somewhat cloaked: *Eleven* refers to the opinion that Judas Iscariot might not fare so well on judgment day; the number *Nine* traditionally represents the nine choirs of angels; *Eight* recalls the number of people instructed to board Noah's ark: the shipbuilder, his wife, his three sons and their wives; *Five* refers to the loaves of bread that ultimately fed five thousand people; *Four* Gospel writers are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; *Three* Hebrew children (Shadrach, Meschach, and Abednego) were thrown into a fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar.

# Today's Worship Service

## Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Court Crandall, given by his 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)

**November 18, 2018**

Thanksgiving 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, their teachers lead them and the youth to their classrooms.

### 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>
Family and friends of Donna Goodman	As they mourn her death
Jodie Mullane and family	For the loss of her Step-father George Swartz
Candace Mullane	During her rehabilitation from CFS/ME (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)
Family of Althea Shirley	In their grief
Family of Anna LaViolette	In their grief
Alice, friend of John Keeley	For strength
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.*

### **Health Alert**

Join Health Ministry for healthy and delicious snacks at coffee hour today in Ripley Chapel.

### **Save the Date: RIM International Dinner on November 18<sup>th</sup>**

You are invited to the RIM (Refugee Immigration Ministry) International Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM to 8:30PM.

Come join Linda and Bruce Alexander for an evening of international food and fellowship with the Metro North and other clusters of RIM. Learn more about RIM's support of asylum seekers and refugees, especially through the stories of this year's service award winners: Howard Silverman, Esq. (for years of legal support for asylum seekers) and Debbie Anderson, from our own Metro North Cluster. The featured speaker will be Dr. Alexandra Pineros of the Essex County Community Organization.

Tickets are \$40 each; table for 10 is \$300. Contact Bruce Alexander, (bruce\_alexander@comcast.net, 617-605-6031) or Linda Alexander (lgalexander@comcast.net, 617-763-0650) for tickets. The dinner will be held at the Armenian Cultural and Educational Center, 47 Nichols Ave., Watertown, MA. Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 and the international buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Money raised from the dinner goes to the RIM central office to fund its role in the support of the 9 clusters covering much of metropolitan Boston. The clusters depend on the central office's professional staff for intake, screening, and prioritization of potential clients, as well as case management of each client's support.

### **ENSEMBLE NOEL: SUNDAY, December 9, 2018, 7:00 PM**

Please join us for an intimate and unique program of seasonal music, featuring Ensemble Noel, a quartet comprised of some of Vermont's most cherished musicians: soprano, Julie Ness; pianist, Annemieke Spoelstra McLane; accordionist, Jeremiah McLane; piper/whistler, Timothy Cummings. Ensemble Noel will present a unique and delightful program, called "Noël," filled with music from Medieval chant to the Pifa (or Pastoral) from Handel's "Messiah," from French carols to Poulenc, from Celtic melodies to fresh settings of traditional carols - all arranged by the creative "Ensemble Noel," with their roots in traditional, classical, world and improvisational music. Although based in Vermont, the performers of Ensemble Noel are world class, with ranging talents and vast resumes. You will remember Annemieke and Tim, both of whom played beautifully at Reverend Will's installation, April of 2016. The concert is free and open to the public and will be followed by a warm reception and an opportunity to greet our performers!

### **An Invitation to Thanksgiving dinner**

On Thanksgiving Day, we will be having dinner at the church for anyone who would like to join us. Come for the company. Come for the food. If you don't have transportation, we will help out with that. We will eat at about 1pm, so come from 12.30 pm to relax and chat. We will be informal and children will be enthusiastically welcomed.

This is something new for us, so we don't know how many people to expect. If you can, please let us know ahead of time that you plan to come – the sooner the better. If you can't let us know ahead, you will be welcome anyway. And remember to tell us if you need a ride. Perhaps you know someone who might like to come to this meal, but may not receive this newsletter. Please feel free to invite them or to let us know so that we can invite them. You are guests, so no contribution or payment is expected.

In addition to the traditional turkey, we will provide a vegetarian option and will aim to keep most of the meal gluten-free (some pies may not be gf). Please remember to tell us if you have dietary restrictions.

If you would like to help in any way, whether or not you plan to eat with us, please let us know. It can be by providing a contribution to the food (like a pie) or helping with rides if someone needs one, or offering something decorative, or helping to clean up.

Please respond to the church office or email Penny Sparrow – pjsparrow2@gmail.com , or call 781 721 0619 and be prepared to leave a message, if you would like to help or if you have any questions.

### **Start the New Year Right**

FCC is hosting Financial Peace University (FPU) for church members and the broader community beginning in January 2019. FPU is a 9-week personal finance class that shows you how to take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a wealth-building plan for your future. Based on common sense and biblical teachings, FPU is taught at churches around the country and more than 5 million people have attended the program.

This class is for anyone interested in learning a new way to manage their household finances. Invite your friends and family to join FCC this New Year!

FCC's class will begin on Wednesday, January 16 (7-8:30pm) and run for 9 weeks. Class registration (\$109 per couple or individual) is available at: <http://www.fpu.com/1075860>

Contact Janet Hall (janetmhall001@gmail.com) or Megan Scipione (mscipione03@comcast.net) if you have questions.

### **FCCW is looking for a grant writer to help fund the dynamic work of our church!**

We believe there are many opportunities 'out there' for funding some aspects of our church life. Whether it's grants for infrastructure, for programs or ministries, for mission opportunities or for innovative new ideas. But we really need someone who is willing to do the work of finding the grant opportunities and spearheading the grant writing. Perhaps this is something you could do, that you have some experience with. Maybe you could find someone to share the job with. We'd love to hear from you. Please contact any of the following: Rev Will Burhans, william.burhans@gmail.com, Rev Judy Arnold, jarnoldfccw@verizon.net, Penny Sparrow (moderator), pjsparrow2@gmail.com Sarah Gallop (vice moderator), seg@mit.edu

### **Women's Advent Gathering: Monday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7PM to 8:30 PM:**

Join us for our Advent Tradition of reflection, inspiration and fellowship. This year the theme is Hospitality and the Radical Notion of Welcoming the Stranger. Open to the women of the church, their teen daughters, mothers, and friends. For questions, contact Branda Wilhoite at brandawilhoite@gmail.com or see the church calendar for details.