

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Jesu, meines lebens Leben

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-80)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past

James Woodman (b. 1957)

Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: The sun rises on God's people near and far.
The sun rises and all of earth sees God's glory.

**All: God's people are called Beloved, Precious-in-God's-Sight.
God rejoices over God's children near and far, in every land,
of every race and every gender.**

One: God calls God's people together for celebration.

**All: We are one in the name of the Lord our God. From our diversity and our
commonality, let us worship as one.**

*Processional Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

NCH #25

*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

**Loving God, though most of us come here from comfortable homes, surrounded
with many possessions, we still yearn for that holy wealth which nothing can
buy. We seek the wealth of your abundant light and love. We need your
inflowing Spirit if we are to know you in this time of worship. Grant us that
Spirit, we pray, that with rekindled love and awe we may praise and adore you,
and by so doing we may find and share your infinite love. Through Jesus Christ
who taught us to 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.**

A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

*Hymn

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

NCH# 331

Scripture

Psalm 36

OT pg. 510, LP OT pg.473

Response

Antiphon: Jean Slates Hawk, 1994

How pre - cious is your stead - fast love, O God.

John 2: 1-20

NT pg.93, LP NT pg. 80

Sermon

Rev. Judy Arnold

A Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Anthem

My Lord, What a Morning

traditional Spiritual/arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

My Lord what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You will hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground.
Looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall.
You will hear the sinner moan to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall.
You will hear the faithful shout to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall.

*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. Judy Arnold

*Closing Hymn

God of Change and Glory

NCH #177

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

My Lord, what a mornin'

arr. H.T. Burleigh

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of deceased members and friends of this congregation.

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)

January 20, 2019

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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>
Susan Zimmerman, Julianne's mother	For stabilization and relief from pain; and comfort for her family
Family of Isabel Hart	In their grief
The Zimber and Moorman Families	For healing and peace
Bruce Lauterwasser	For strength and healing during this current course of chemotherapy
Alice, friend of John Keeley	For strength
Barbara Hoekelman	Healing and comfort
Rachel, friend of Mike Redding	For healing from cancer

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

News & Upcoming Events

Habitat for Humanity Workday Saturday, Feb 2

There will be a Habitat for Humanity workday Saturday, February 2. Interested adults and youth 16 and up please contact Andrew Beltz andrewjbeltz@gmail.com or Doug Taylor mccall.taylor@verizon.net (781-729-6258).

Upcoming Opportunities to Show Your Support for Refuges:

At 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22 and January 29, faithful people of all traditions will gather at the Burlington ICE office – Immigration and Customs Enforcement. We walk in a spirit of prayer around the facility – led by a Cantor with a Shofar (a ram's horn instrument). We end with a brief worship service across from the ICE building. The Burlington Interfaith Council sponsors these walks. They last a bit less than an hour. But, there is opportunity for fellowship and sharing at the end. The address is 10 New England Executive Park. There is plenty of parking.

At 2:00 p.m. on Sunday January 27 a group of local people of faith will travel to the ICE Detention Facility in South Bay, Boston. We will gather for introductions and initial prayers at 2 pm and then march around to the side of the facility that houses immigrants detained by ICE. From there, we are able to wave, show signs, sing, pray and chant in view of the detainees who crowd the windows. The men and women can see and hear us, wave back and know that they are not forgotten. This is a powerful opportunity to let our faith free – advocating for justice and peace among all people and respecting the dignity of every human being. By 3 pm we walk back to the starting point to return home. Want to join in this manifestation of support for those living inside the detention center? You can, just let Judy know jarnoldfccw@verizon.net.

Ripley Chapel Project Approved

Last Sunday (1/13) at a Special Congregational Meeting after worship the church members voted unanimously to proceed to “begin and complete the construction phase of the renovation project on Ripley Chapel”.

A contract with Seaver Construction is being finalized and should be signed soon. Starting next week you will find regular updates included in these weekly emails as the project proceeds. You can also visit the Ripley Chapel web page which will display progress reports.

Mid-Winter Self Care

As caregivers of the spiritual, mental and physical health of others we often have a long list of things we “should” do each day. At times the list includes the many actions and interactions we want to accomplish. What may be lost is the opportunity to quietly just “be”.

Join us for Centering Prayer- Sunday, January 27th at 9:15AM

Using a sacred word, Centering Prayer draws one's focus and attention to interior stillness and opens us to God's presence and action within. Join us in the Palmer Room next Sunday from 9:15-9:45 AM. Pam Budner will introduce and guide the prayer session, which is open to both those new and experienced in the practice. The Centering Prayer- Prepare for Worship Series will be offered the 4th Sunday of the month. **Child Care is available.**

"Be still and know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10

Green Congregation Taskforce

"Over 97 percent of climate scientists agree that man-made climate change is a reality. Virtually every national academy of science on Earth agrees."

from the Climate Reality Project

"Everyone is entitled to their own opinion;
[however] no one is entitled to their own scientific facts"

Rev. John Hudson, discussing the difference between belief and science

Have you ever found yourself sitting across from someone who vehemently denies the existence of climate change? Did you remain silent in the hope that someone would change the subject? Or do you find yourself like me - trying to summon up the courage to counter them - while knowing nothing you say would ever change their mind?

Climate activist and public theologian, Rev. Jim Antal, has asked, 'What is the cost of not doing anything?' We can attribute this remark to specific actions undertaken, such as shifting from incandescent bulbs to LED technology or turning down our thermostats or shifting to solar power. But what if 'the cost of not doing anything,' also applies to the kind of situation described above?

But what if we are asking too much of ourselves if we are convinced we must change people's minds? What if as people of faith we are NOT expected to do this? What if instead we are asked, "to let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus?" (Philippians 2:5) What then?

Letting the same mind that was in Christ Jesus is a lifelong spiritual discipline, shaping and informing who we are in ALL circumstances of our life. A tall order to be sure. But herein lies the Good News. For if God-in-Christ can work through us even in seemingly UN-changeable circumstances, then we can take heart - knowing that God's possibilities can work through even the likes of us.