

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Hyfrydol

Michael Burkhardt

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: As human beings we have been created to devote our lives to God. Too often though we become overly devoted to lesser things; to success, to money, to an ideology and we forget the heart from which we were created and the love for which we were made. That is why it is important to come together and raise our voices in song, bow our heads in prayer, lift our hearts in praise, bend our knees in adoration of the one true God, the maker of heaven and earth.

All: We come and ready our hearts to listen to God's word, to receive from God's table and to go forth in God's Spirit. Let us worship together, Amen!

*Processional Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

NCH #182

Call to Confession

Kathleen Zagata

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, O hidden mystery, heart behind all hearts, soul behind all souls, sun behind all suns, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us and we give you thanks. Forgive us when we have not been gentle with your creation but trampled it in carelessness, when we have not met You in another but ignored them in apathy, when we have opted out of a more difficult path of goodness for a quicker path of ease, when we have used others to get what we need and failed to regard them with the dignity they deserve. For all that we have done and failed to do that separates us from You and from one another, we ask for your forgiveness in Jesus name.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lord's Prayer

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.

Scripture

Mark 9: 2-8

NT pg. 44, LP NT pg. 38

Mission Trip Reflections

"Poverty, Racism, and Love"

Harry Carpini, Elizabeth Rozmanith, Jane Dodge

A Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Anthem

The Eyes of the Heart [2016]

Music by Kim Andre Arnesen

Text: Psalm 121 & Euan Tait

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

We cannot see her. We hear her only,
out of sight, as this whisper, this song,
a music lighting the river,
making the water crackle with her voice,
and our beings inflorescent
with the scents of pine, fire pink
as our mountain breeze singing erupts
into rain-fire: my sister, my friend!

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in
from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

NCH #332

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(The Deacons will distribute the bread and cup in the pews this morning. Everyone is welcome to partake but if you choose not to please pass the plate to the person beside you. All the bread is gluten free and the cups are filled with grape juice.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (by Beth Merrill Neel)

O Jesus, our beloved, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

NCH #184

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable (1390-1453)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nina McCall and Wakefield and Carmel Taylor by the McCall-Taylors.

Meet Our Church

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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)

March 3, 2019

Transfiguration 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, 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>
Melissa	As they mourn the loss of her son, Jake Silver
Daryl Levy	Healing and strength
Family of Alice Blasi, mother of Alex Rohall	In their grief
Terry Arnold, Judy's brother	For strength, healing and comfort
Carol Johnson	For successful recovery from rotator cuff surgery
Katherine Steffey, Laurie Roby's niece	Prayers of comfort, strength, and peace (stage 4 colon cancer)
Alex Rohall's cousin, Sandra,	prayers for courage of spirit during her present medical evaluation
Chessie Quinn	Healing from breast cancer
Susan Zimmerman, Julianne's mother	For stabilization and relief from pain; and comfort for her family
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

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

News & Upcoming Events

P&D Fund

On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' & Deacons' Fund. This fund offers monetary aid to congregation members who are experiencing an urgent need for financial crisis assistance. Please consider a donation as part of your worship today.

ISLAM - The First Steps

Today at 11:30 in the Palmer Room

After worship today, the Adult Faith Exploration Ministry will begin a series about the three religions that share Abraham as an ancestor. They are Christianity, Judaism and Islam. We begin with an introduction to Islam through videos addressing history, beliefs and practices. This first step is designed as an overview. It is our hope that it will create a desire for more knowledge and for widening our concept of community. We will be learning together without any pretense that another religion can be really understood from the outside. This is an "11th hour" - after worship from 11:30 to 1:00 - with a light lunch. We hope you will join us for this study.

FCC Monthly Men's Group

Tonight , 7-9 PM, 4 Heritage Drive, Woburn (Paul and Lynne Rahmeier's house).

All FCC men and their guests are welcome. We discuss matters that are personal and spiritual. Potluck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com

Ripley, Believe It or Not!

Are you interested in brainstorming, exploring and beginning to piece together plans for what might happen in Ripley Chapel for the 2019/2020 program year? The Ripley renovation should be done by the end of this Spring and ready for the launching of cool things! A concert series? Poetry readings? Youth Coffee House? Art exhibits? An alternative worship service? Meditation and Yoga? Email Rev. Will (william.burhans@gmail.com) if you are interested in thinking boldly and creatively about possibilities for Ripley Chapel!

Build a Bed Workshop

Saturday, March 16 at 9:30 AM

A Bed for Every Child is a program of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless created five years ago to provide beds for children whose families could not afford separate beds for their children resulting in tired and unfocused children who could not learn adequately in school. To meet the demand for beds the Coalition recently created the Build-A-Bed project offering a sponsored volunteer opportunity for organizations to assemble teams with limited or no carpentry skills to build, sand and paint twin beds for delivery to children in need.

This fun filled task will provide great benefit to twelve kids in need of a bed. Please let Ben or Bill McCarter know of your availability by email of verbal acknowledgment at your earliest convenience. Contact Ben at ben.pulaski@gmail.com or via the Church phone or Bill at whmccarter@comcast.net or at (781) 729-3892. Pizza will be available upon completion of construction.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wed March 6, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, the period between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Traditionally we observe Lent with fasting, prayer, confession, and other spiritual practices and during the Ash Wednesday Service, we impose ashes in the sign of a cross on our foreheads as a symbol of the season. The ashes, made from the burning of last year's Palm Sunday palms, are a biblical sign of penance. The service is a beautiful contemplative service designed to lead us towards inner quiet and introspection. While the imposition of ashes has often been associated exclusively with Catholicism, more and more Protestant churches are reclaiming this beautiful practice which began long before our churches were divided in the late 6th century.

"Tuesdays with Jesus"

Once again, we will be holding "Tuesdays with Jesus" during Lent in the Palmer and Tucker Rooms. We have a wonderful new slate of church members preparing to share how their faith has been present (and perhaps illusive) during life's challenges. We'll begin with about 20 minutes of silent meditation/centering prayer from 6:30-7 in the Palmer Room and then move into the Tucker Room where we'll have a simple soup and bread supper while we listen to one of our 6 presenters. Look for the schedule in the next email. We hope you'll join us!

Alternative Spring Break

As of yesterday we have begun hosting a group of students from Vanderbilt University for their Alternative Spring Break. All this week they will be sleeping in the Forum Room and using the kitchen for their evening meals. Please welcome them to our church if you run into them along the way!

Collaborative Community Concert

Sunday, March 24 4 PM

St. Mary's Church in Winchester

Please join us on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 4:00 pm, for an exciting choral/instrumental concert featuring John Kramer's powerful and timely, The Immigrant Experience. The performance will be presented at St. Mary's Church in Winchester and features seven of the community's church choirs, including our own! This topical piece reflects the issues surrounding immigration, and features texts by founding fathers that established the United States as a welcoming place. Sponsored by the Winchester Multicultural Network, proceeds from the performance will benefit the International Institute of New England, a non-profit organization that has been welcoming and serving refugees and immigrants since 1918. Suggested donation = \$20.