

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Call to Worship (adapted from Joseph Fort Newton's Prayer)

Ben Pulaski

One: As flowers turn their faces toward the sun,

All: As rivers seek their freedom in the sea,

One: So may our hearts turn once again to God in the ancient adoring habit of our race.

All: May the Holy Spirit breathe upon us, that in the warmth of God's love our minds may be open to wisdom and beauty and to the clear vision of what is good and true.

One: And may our greatest visions of mercy, love, and justice be so real, so commanding that all that is within us shall rise up and follow!

And all the church said:

All: Amen!

*Processional Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

New Century Hymnal #576

Call to Confession

Kathleen Zagata

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that love requires effort. Forgive us when we take the easy way out and are unwilling to put the necessary work into our relationships. We know that love requires attentiveness to the other. Forgive us when we are distracted and frenzied by many things and fail to pay adequate attention. We know that love requires forgiveness. Forgive us when we are unwilling to apologize and when we are unwilling to forgive. We know that love requires an openness to Your Spirit. Forgive us when we are shut down and resistant to Your call in our lives. Holy God, forgive us for the sin of slothfulness and lead us to diligence and perseverance in the effort to love more fully all there is to love in this life!

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

Response

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

Anthem

Symphatique or *Je ne veux pas travailler* ("I don't want to work.") [1997]

Music by Pink Martini: Thomas Lauderdale

Text: based on a poem by Guillaume Apollinaire/adapted by China Forbes

My room is a form of a cage,
The sun streams through the window,
the bellhops are at my door like those little soldiers
who want to take me away.

I don't want to work,
I don't want to lunch
I only want to forget
and so I smoke.

Long ago I knew the smell of love,
a million roses didn't smell as sweet.
Now a single flower in my way makes me sick.

I don't want to work...

I am not proud of this life
that wants to kill me.

It's magnificent to be nice
but I have never known this.

I don't want to work...

Marcie Troisi, soloist

Offertory

Scripture

Proverbs (selected verses)

Luke 13:1-9

NT pg. 76, LP NT pg. 66

Sermon

"The Sloth in All of Us"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time of Reflection

Service of Prayer

During Lent, we have the opportunity to lift our prayers in light as well as in words. When invited, those who wish to may come forward and mark their prayers by lighting a candle. Should you desire to communicate your prayers in words to the congregation, blank index cards are provided in the pews for you to write a prayer on. Place the card in the baskets on the candle table, and they will be added to the prayer bulletin board in Chidley Hall. During the prayer time, we will sing *Return Again* as our prayer response.

Return again, return again

Return to the land of your soul (2X)

Return to who you are

Return to what you are

Return to where you are

Born and reborn again.

*Closing Hymn

O for a World

NCH#575

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Today's Worship Service

SPECIAL THANKS: We welcome and thank our band members this morning: Cam McPherson, piano; Drew McPherson, trombone; Sven Larson, bass; Rick Forzese, drums!

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents by Kris and John Montgomery.

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)

March 24, 2019

Third Sunday in Lent

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 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. Just head downstairs and towards the back of the church facility until you find the large hall, or follow the signs or pick up a laminated map to help guide you.

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Rev. Judy Arnold	For healing
Jessica Brand	For healing
Piper Stanley and family, niece of Janice Wilson	For health and recovery
Family of Lane Heller, father of Elizabeth Page	In their grief
Rachel Navien & Jonathan Beaulieu	For joyful celebration of their marriage
Janet Snover	For healing
Family of Katherine Steffey, Laurie Roby's neice	In their grief
Family of Terry Arnold, Judy's brother	In their grief
Al and his son and daughter	In their grief at the loss of his wife and their mother
Melissa	As they mourn the loss of her son, Jake Silver
Daryl Levy	Healing and strength
Carol Johnson	For successful recovery from rotator cuff surgery
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

Collaborative Community Concert

Today at 4 PM

St. Mary's Church in Winchester

Please join us today 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.

"Tuesdays with Jesus"

Laurie Roby and Dave Weir have offered their stories to us in our series on Faith and Life's Challenges during our Tuesdays with Jesus and Branda Wilhoite is up next on Tuesday, March 26. We hope you can join us for 20 minutes of Centering Prayer followed by a simple soup supper while we listen to Branda share her story. The evening runs from 6:30-8.

NCIS - Learning more about First Church Winchester

Would you like to learn more about our church; how it works, where it comes from, what it's purpose and mission are, what opportunities are there to serve and participate, how one becomes a member? Immediately after worship on Sunday, April 7th and Sunday, April 28th there will be a 45 minute informal informational session in our Lead Pastor's office. We are happy to provide childcare down in the nursery or children can wonder around the office while we meet. Please contact Rev. Will (william.burhans@gmail.com) or let Sarah(first.congregational@verizon.net) in the office know at if you are interested.

179th Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Winchester:

Sunday May 5th 11:30-1:30

Save the date for the church's annual meeting. This year it will be on Sunday May 5th, immediately after worship in Chidley Hall. Lunch for everyone and activities for the children will be provided.

The Annual Meeting is for everyone – we make important decisions for our congregation, look back at the events and achievements of the past year and look forward to the future. There will be slides highlighting the work of our ministries and our life together. Non-members are warmly invited to participate in the whole meeting, though we will ask that you not vote.

If you have any items that you would like to suggest for the agenda, please contact Penny Sparrow, Moderator (pjsparrow2@gmail.com) as soon as you can.

Our purpose is to be a Christ-centered, nurturing community; growing in faith; serving in love; welcoming all with joy

Habitat for Humanity Workday

Saturday March 30 in Lawrence, MA

Please join our crew at the Habitat for Humanity site in Lawrence on one (or more!) of our upcoming workdays. We typically meet at the church around 7:45 AM and carpool up to the site, returning sometime in the late afternoon. The Habitat organization appreciates when we can provide a head count, so if you're able to join us, please contact either Doug Taylor (mccall.taylor@verizon.net) or Andrew Beltz (andrewjbeltz@gmail.com). Thank you!

Outdoor Church

Sunday, March 31

On the 5th 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. The congregation includes ongoing members and some people we will only see once or twice. Next Sunday is a 5th Sunday. We'll be making sandwiches in the kitchen after worship, come and help. We could use some socks (new) as well. **What we really need are WALKERS**, volunteers from the church to 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. Everyone who has done this has found it an amazing experience. Most walkers report that they received far more than they gave. Timing? We leave here around 1:00 pm and are back by 5:00 pm. Please consider responding to God's call through this wonderful ministry. See Lisa Loughlin (lisa3abp@aol.com).