

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Jesu, meine Freude*

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

## Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

## A Time of Silence

## Prelude

*O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig (BWV 1095)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

## \*Opening Hymn

*God Is Here! As We Your People Meet*

New Century Hymnal #70

## \*Call to Confession

Jonathan Goodell

**Prayer of Confession** (adapted from Maren Tirabassi's "Improbably Gift of Blessing")

**Gracious God, we confess that we have deep aching hungers and sometimes we can hear nothing but their clamor. We confess that we risk our deeper well-being for momentary satisfaction of our desires. We confess that we long for control over our lives and dominance in our relationships such that we have a hard time letting go and being vulnerable. We have been tempted and we have sinned. Breathe in the silence of our guilt the whisper of repentance that we may receive forgiveness. Amen.**

## 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.

(The kids are invited to go to their Stepping Stones classrooms at this time. They will not be returning for Communion this month but can meet up with their families after worship.)

## Offertory

Anthem

"Ecce gratum," no. 5 from *Carmina Burana* [1935-36]

Music by Carl Orff (1895-1982)

Text from *Carmina Burana: Cantiones profanae cantoribus*, 13th century

Behold the pleasant and longed-for spring brings back joyfulness,  
violet flowers fill the meadows, the sun brightens everything,  
sadness is now at an end!

Summer returns, now withdraw the rigors of winter. Ah!

Now melts and disappears ice, snow, and the rest, winter flees,  
and now spring sucks at summer's breast:

A wretched soul is he who does not live or lust under summer's rule. Ah!

They glory and rejoice in honeyed sweetness

who strive to make use of Cupid's prize;

At Venus' command let us glory and rejoice in being Paris' equals. Ah!

## \*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.**

## Scripture

John 12:1-8

Liturgist: Jonathan Goodell  
NT pg. 106, LP OT pg. 92

## Sermon

"Nitroglycerin of the Soul"

Rev. Will Burhans

## Quiet Time of Reflection

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Hymn

*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

NCH #342

### 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.**

## 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 *Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary* as our prayer response.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You.

## \*Closing Hymn

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

NCH # 493

## Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

## Passing the Peace of Christ

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

## Postlude

*Jesu, meine Freude (vs. 10)*

Walther

# 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)

**April 7, 2019**

Fifth Sunday of 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 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. 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
Daryl Levy	Healing and strength
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.*

## Today's Worship Service

### Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rhoda J. Murray and Dr. & Mrs. William Oddy, given by the Rev. Dr. Candice Ashenden and Atty. Pamela Oddy and their children, William David and Christina Louise Oddy Ashenden.

### 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.

### 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 Today 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.

## News & Upcoming Events

### "Tuesdays with Jesus"

Our "Tuesdays with Jesus" series continues this Tuesday night April 9th with Lisa Loughlin reflecting on her faith and life's challenges. We have 20 minutes of Centering Prayer in the Palmer Room from 6:30-7 followed by a simple soup supper while we listen to Lisa share. We will wrap up by 8 pm. You are welcome to come for both or come for either, whatever works for you.

### FCC Monthly Men's Group

**Sunday April 14, 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. Pot-luck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to [chris.noble@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.noble@yahoo.com).

### Pray in Nature: Contemplative Retreat in Nature, May 17 & 18:

As the woods awaken from their winter slumber, you are invited to retreat in nature. Take time to slow your pace, immerse in the sights and sounds of the woods, and through prayer and spiritual practices experience the natural world as a gateway to a deeper relationship with God.

Our guide is Mark Kutolowski, a seasoned retreat leader and outdoor guide. The Friday evening program held at FCC-Winchester is an orientation to Creation Centered Contemplative Practices while Saturday is a time of Contemplative Practice held at the Church of the Woods, a hundred acre woodland in Canterbury. NH. The cost of the combined Friday Evening and Saturday Retreat is \$50. Friday only is \$15. Register by Wed. April 17 at [www.bit.ly/fccwretreat](http://www.bit.ly/fccwretreat). Retreat details available on our website.

### Volunteers needed at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, April 20

We are looking for 4-5 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 30 people at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Dwelling Place is a collaboration of area churches that prepares and serves meals at the United Methodist Church in Woburn for individuals and families in need. Our FCC is responsible for preparing and serving the meal on the third Saturday of each month.

- Volunteers can be adults and children.
- Serving time is only 2 hours 5pm – 7pm.
- The food simple and easy to prepare.

To sign up, please contact one of your FCC Dwelling Place Coordinators:

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Louise Ritenhouse [lritenhouse@comcast.net](mailto:lritenhouse@comcast.net)

Lisa Loughlin [lisa3abp@aol.com](mailto:lisa3abp@aol.com)

# Holy Week & Easter Schedule

## Sun 4/14 Palm Sunday

9:30 pm Blessing of the Palms on the Common

On Palm Sunday many churches from around Winchester gather at on the Town Common for a joint blessing of the Palms before they return to the respective sanctuaries for Palm Sunday services. It is a wonderful way to remember our unity in Christ, especially as we set into the most sacred week of the Christian year.

10 am Palm Sunday Worship

## Tue 4/16

6:30 pm Tuesdays with Jesus

## Thu 4/18 Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm Service of Tenebrae

9 pm Maundy Thursday Vigil Begins

Jesus asked his disciples to stay awake and pray with him during his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his death. In response, we hold an all-night vigil in our sanctuary — staying awake with Christ and praying for a suffering world. The Vigil begins at 9:00 PM on April 18th (after the Tenebrae Service of Shadows) and ends at noon on Good Friday, April 19th with a Vigil closing service. All are invited to help keep watch with the single Christ Candle that is lit at the end of the Tenebrae Service. No sign up is required to participate, but we are seeking Anchors for each hour of the Vigil to ensure a continuous watch through the night. The sign up sheet for Anchors is located in the Church lobby. All are welcome!

~ The Maundy Thursday Vigil Pop Up Ministry

## Fri 4/19 Good Friday

12 pm Vigil Closing Service

## Sat 3/31 Holy Saturday

9:30 am Bagels & Bunnies Egg Hunt

## Sun 4/01 Easter

5:30 am Yoga in the Barn

6:15 am Easter Sunrise Service at Wright-Locke Farm

9 am Easter Worship

11 am Easter Worship



### Easter Lilies and Tulips

You are invited to donate a chancel Easter plant as a memorial or as a gift. Plants will be distributed to our shut-ins following the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 21.

The cost of plants is \$20.00 each.

All orders are due by April 14

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ plants, which will be

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of (please check as appropriate)

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Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with a check payable to First Congregational Church, with memo "flowers" to the church office, or place it in an offering plate in an envelope marked "Easter plants"