

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Valet will ich dir geben (S. 735)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Hosanna dem Sohn Davids

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: Gather in brothers and sisters, young and old, weary and rested, innocent and tested, this is God's house where you belong because you belong to God.

All: We gather in this sanctuary to praise God as the crowds gathered in Jerusalem to welcome Jesus so long ago.

One: Beware of the fickle human heart that praises one day and condemns the next.

All: We come to worship aware of our own failings and yearning for the grace to live lives of courage and love in a world that needs courageous love.

One: May this hour offer you an opportunity to turn your lives over again to God, to take a renewed step along Jesus' way, and to receive the inspiration of His Holy Spirit.

All: Let us begin this Holy Week and this holy time of worship together as we are drawn into the dance of our triune God.

*Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

(please see insert)

*Call to Confession

Kathleen Zagata

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess together that at times we listen to the crowd more than we listen to You; that our desire for affirmation from others can outweigh our desire to do Your will; that we can twist and bend the truth so that we are shown in a better light; that we can be less than loving towards others when doing so serves us. Forgive us for our fickle hearts, for how easily we like those who affirm us and how readily we dismiss those who challenge our tightly held assumptions and biases. Forgive us for working so hard to make ourselves worth something in the eyes of others rather than simply receiving our value from Your loving gaze. We pray this 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.

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

"Palm Parade"

*Hymn

Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!

Pilgrim Hymnal # 175

Testimony

Sarah Gallop

Offertory

Fantasia

Bach

Scripture

Psalm 118

Luke 19:28-40

Liturgist: John Keeley
OT pg. 565, LP OT pg. 528
NT pg. 83, LP NT pg. 72

Sermon

"Vainglory's Horse, Jesus' Donkey"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Anthem

Lord, My Heart Is Not Proud [2015]

Psalm 131/Leo Nestor (b. 1948)

Johann Soultz, cello

O Lord, Lord, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty.

I do not busy myself with great matters, with marvels beyond my ken.

Rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child at its mother's breast, so, so is my soul weaned.

Israel, Israel, hope in the Lord now and evermore.

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 *Jesus, Remember Me* as our prayer response.

Jesus, remember me, when you come in to your Kingdom. 2X

The Changing of the Paraments

(Each church season we change the Altar cloth and the other hangings to reflect the color of the season. As we move from Palm Sunday into Holy Week, we strip the Chancel of its Lenten purple and other adornments and add only a simple black cloth, which will remain the backdrop through our Maundy Thursday service, the Vigil and Holy Saturday.)

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

Herzlich tut mich verlangen (Op. 122, #9)

Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

You are invited to join together for coffee hour down in Chidley Hall, just head downstairs and towards the back of the church facility until you find the large hall. This month coffee hour is hosted by the Children & Youth Faith Formation Ministry.

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)

April 14, 2019

Palm 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. 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>
Victoria and Jeff Dauber, niece and nephew-in-law of Lucy Sanders	In their time of grief at the loss of their stillborn daughter, Olivia
Olivia L	In search and need to find her higher power
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
Janet Snover	For healing
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 deceased members and friends of this congregation.

News & Upcoming Events

"Tuesdays with Jesus"

Our "Tuesdays with Jesus" series concludes this Tuesday night April 16th with Jon Lawton reflecting on his faith journey and life 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 Jon share. We 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

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. Pot-luck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com.

Spring Flower Sale for RIM Metro North Cluster

Now that it's finally spring, get into the spirit by ordering flowering plants from the RIM Metro North Cluster. Profits support our cluster's clients, who are in the process of seeking asylum. There are order sheets on the table in the reception area and at the back of the Sanctuary. Flowers are provided by E. Cressey and Son, a wholesale grower in Rowley, MA.

- Make checks **payable to RIM** and write **Metro North Cluster** on the memo line.
- Submit your order no later than **Sunday May 5th**. (Pick up plants on Sunday, May 12^h.)
- Questions: Contact Linda Alexander lgalexander@comcast.net 617.763.0650

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

Registration requested by Wednesday, April 17:

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. 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 20th. 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:

Cindy Mahoney cindy33733@aol.com, Louise Ritenhouse lritenhouse@comcast.net

Lisa Loughlin lisa3abp@aol.com

One Dozen Egg Cartons Needed

We are in need of many 1 dozen egg cartons for Bagels and Bunnies this year! If you have any this week or next please bring them to the church and leave them in the office.

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 TODAY

I wish to purchase _____ plants, which will be

_____ In memory of _____ In honor of (please check as appropriate)

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"

Just a Reminder- Easter Plant Deliveries, Next Sunday after the 9 am & 11 am services,

Easter Lilies will be available for delivery to church members at home or in local care centers. Please join in our Easter Tradition of sharing the good news with our members at home.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

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 4/20 Holy Saturday

9:30 am Bagels & Bunnies Egg Hunt

Sun 4/21 Easter

5:15 am Yoga in the Barn

5:45 am Easter Sunrise Service at Wright-Locke Farm

9 am Easter Worship

11 am Easter Worship

Vacation Bible School

June 24th-28th 9-1230pm

Calling all preschoolers-5th graders! Join us this summer as we host “Athens: Paul’s Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth” from June 24th-28th. Families step back in time at Athens, exploring some of the adventures the Apostle Paul faced. Kids and adults will participate in a memorable Bible-times Marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Bible-times snacks, visit Paul, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God’s Word. Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Celebration—a time of upbeat worship, that gets everyone involved.

Sign up your children and your grandchildren for this wonderful event! We are working with the Parish of the Epiphany again this year for a fantastic week.

To register your kids email ben.pulaski@gmail.com or go to <https://3crowns.org/VBS>

There is a cost of \$120 per child or \$250 per family, which helps to cover the costs of everything that week. But please remember that we want everyone who wants to participate to be able to. Please reach out to Ben Pulaski (ben.pulaski@gmail.com) if you would like a scholarship for your child or family.

We also are looking for teenagers and adults to help for a day or for the whole week. The program cannot be successful without your help. Please email ben.pulaski@gmail.com to get signed up to help



All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodolph of Orleans, ca 820

Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or, To Thee, Re - deem - er King, To

whom the lips of chil - dren, Made sweet ho - san - nas ring. Fine

1. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al
2. The com - pan - y of ang - gels Are prais - ing Thee on
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee
4. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - ses; Ac - cept the prayers we

Son, Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and Bless - ed One.
high, And we, will all cre - a - tion, In cho - us make re - ply.
went; Our prayer and praise and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
praise; To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
bring, Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and grac - ious King. D.C.

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