

Gathering Music*O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* (BWV 656)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

Moment of Silence**Prelude***Easter Bells* [2017]

arranged by Sondra K Tucker

Based on CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN (c. 1100); VRUECHTEN (1684);
LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, (c. 1781-1821)

The Carilloneers

The Call to Worship (adapted from Jan Richardson's "Circle of Grace") Ben Pulaski

One: Hear these words of blessing on this Easter morning from the poet Jan Richardson:

"If it is a blessing you seek, open your own mouth. Fill your lungs with the air this new morning brings and then release it with a song. Hear how the blessing breaks forth in your own voice, how your lips form every word you never dreamed to say. See how the blessing circles back again, wanting you to repeat it, but louder, how it draws you, pulls you, sends you to proclaim its only word...

Risen! Risen! Risen!" Brothers and sisters, friends and strangers, seekers and finders, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Let us release ourselves into this Easter morning by singing and praying and worshipping God together.

Processional HymnChrist the Lord Is Risen Today*

(red-covered) PH #182

***Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Kathleen Zagata

(Adapted from the Iona Book of Worship)

We praise You, bright and amazing CREATOR GOD, who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf; who has risen in splendour and majesty; who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear white light, twinkling stars and sharp colours, over and over again. We praise You, JESUS CHRIST, the light of the world, who suffered, died, and rose again and now calls us forth to be Your hands and feet in a troubled world. We praise You, HOLY SPIRIT who connects us to one another and opens new roads where old ways are lost and breathes new life where it seemed only death remained. Hear us as we worship You this morning and draw us into the mystery of the dance of Your trinitarian life as we pray in Jesus' name....

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 PraiseGloria 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

HymnThe Day of Resurrection*

(red-covered) PH# 192

Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25

Luke 24:1-12

Liturgist: Julianne Zimmerman & Lisa Loughlin 9 am, Kate & Dave Carpini 11 am

OT pg. 696, LP OT pg. 655

NT pg. 90, LP NT pg. 78

Sermon

"The Shape of the Hole in the Soul"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection**Offertory***Christ, Whose Glory*RATISBON, from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524, arr. Paul Halley, 2005

Words by Charles Wesley (1707-78)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

***Doxology**

**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.**

NCH #780

Pastoral Prayer

Lisa Loughlin

Closing HymnCome, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

(red covered) PH #185

(Those wishing to join the choir for the "Hallelujah Chorus"
please come forward during the singing of this hymn).

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Choral Response"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*

Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

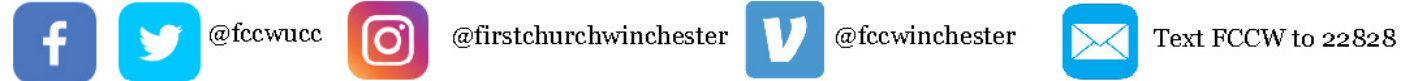
Postlude*In dir ist Freude* (BWV 615)

Bach

You are invited to take part in our Easter Tradition of delivering a Lily to a fellow member at home or in a nearby care center. Plants will be available in the front of the sanctuary after both services.

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)

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.

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.

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Alice, Rev. Judy Arnold, Jessica Brand, Victoria and Jeff Dauber and their families, Barbara Hoekelman, Olivia L., Bruce Lauterwasser, Kathy Mortensen & Nathan Morris, Daryl Levy, Chesie Quinn, Janet Snover, Piper Stanley and family, Zimmer & Moorman families, and Susan Zimmerman.

Easter Offering

Our Easter offering this year will go to the *Heifer International*. What a great way to celebrate the new life Christ gives us by sending the gift of live animals to our siblings around the world. Many of you are familiar with the good work of Heifer International and their mission to end poverty and hunger around the world. There are special Easter Offering envelopes in the pews (or use the one mailed to your home). To designate your gift as part of this special Easter Offering, either place cash or a check in the special envelope. Write your check to FCCW and be sure to put "Heifer Project" in the memo line. You can put it in the offering plate when it comes around (or mail it to us). You can also send a gift through Venmo by using the Venmo account indicated on the back of this bulletin. Your gift can make a direct impact on hunger and poverty. Thank you and bless you.

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.

Vacation Bible School June 24th-28th 9-12:30pm

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.

Easter Lilies Which Glorify our Sanctuary are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Sonny & Jessie Aiello, by Stephen & dana Haggett

Our grandparents, by Mike & Laura Bailey

Alice B. Blasi, by Steve & Alex Rohall

Michael & Marie Carpini, by the Carpini family

John Cawston, by his wife

Molly Eddy, my sister, by Mike Redding

Joanna Eforo, by Leonore

Vincent and Joanna Eforo, by Leonore, Nektar and Mira Eforo

Peter French, by the French family

Family & friends, by Phyllis & Paul Gleason

Theo Greene and our parents: Joshua & Verona Whatmough, Phillips & Ruth Greene, by Fred Greene

Benjamin Gallup, by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman

Janet Harvey, by the Mahoney family

Paul Mahoney, by the Mahoney family

A Bliss McCrum, Jr. by Mike & Laura Bailey

Parents & grandparents, by the McPherson family

Our parents, by Kris & John Montgomery

Our beloved parents, by Kaye & David Nash

Chuck & Mathew Navien, by Susan K. Navien and family

Margie O'Connor and "Papa Stretch" O'Connor, by the O'Connor family

Our parents and our friends William Wilkes and Kevin McKowen, by Rev. Dr. Ken Orth & George Paolucci

Frank M. Osgood, by Alice & Richard Osgood

Mr. & Mrs. George R. Osgood, by Alice & Richard Osgood

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Osgood Sr. by Alice & Richard Osgood

Ann Russell, by Ann's Family

Imo & Sammy Sansom, by the Sansom family

Beloved husband, father, grampy: John P. Sawyer, Jr by his family

Our parents, by Susan Dreyfus Sawyer & Andy Spiegel

Nick Sr. & Miriam G. Troisi and Gordon D. Duff, by Nick & Marcie Troisi

Robert & Jane Ann Paul and Leslie & Anna Vaughn, by Jerry & Janet Vaughn

Bob & Marilyn White, by Cindy & Nick Wankowicz

Edith & James Wilson, by their daughter

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Their marriage: Rachel & Jonathan Beaulieu, by Susan K. Navien and family

Fred & Dorothy Buckley, by the O'Connor family

My sister, Molly Eddy's family, by Mike Redding

Our parents and grandparents, Mabs & Joe Harris, by the Carpini family

Our young friend, Jack who continues his courageous 7 year battle with cancer, by Kris & John Montgomery

Mayrene Ogier, by Walter Ogier and Carole Cooke

Mary O'Connor, by the O'Connor family

George & Suzie Zimmerman, by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman

THANK YOU to all who donated flowers to decorate the sanctuary today. They are truly symbols of resurrection joy.