

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Little Partita for Easter

James Woodman (b. 1957)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Adoro te devote

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

The Call to Worship (adapted from Sam Hamilton Poor's Earth Gospel)

Ben Pulaski

One: The God who weaves the sun and the moon, the sky and the earth, is the very same God who knit each of us together in our mother's womb.

All: The God who brings new stars to birth in far-off galaxies is the same God who brought us to birth and placed us at our mother's breast.

One: Let us enter this day, this week, this Easter season with confidence, as surely as the sun, as certain as the moon, as solid as the earth, knowing that we have a place within God's unfolding grace.

All: Let us worship this morning along with all creation, in Jesus' name, Amen!

*Processional Hymn

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

New Century Hymnal #558

*Call to Confession

Kathleen Zagata

Prayer of Confession

(from UN Environmental Sabbath)

All: O God, we have forgotten who we are.

One: We have forgotten who we are. We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos. We have become estranged from the movements of the Earth. We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

All: O God, we have forgotten who we are.

One: We have sought only our own security. We have exploited simply for our own ends. We have distorted our knowledge and abused our power.

All: O God, we have forgotten who we are.

One: Now the land is barren and the waters are poisoned and the air is polluted.

All: O God, we have forgotten who we are.

One: Now the forests are dying and the creatures are disappearing and humans are despairing.

All: O God, we have forgotten who we are. We ask forgiveness, we ask for the gift of remembering, we ask for the strength to change. 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.

*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.

Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

*Hymn

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

NCH #563

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Romans 8:14-24a

Liturgist: Jessica McArdle

NT pg. 120, LP NT pg. 101

NT. pg. 158, LP NT pg. 138

Sermon

"Separate No More"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Quiet Wonder [2001]

Words & Music by Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

I walk this earth in quiet wonder.

The beauty surrounds me, surprises me, overwhelms me.

A small brook babbles in the forest, I fall to my knees in prayer:

O God, my Creator, the Spirit riding on the wind,

teach me to be a shepherd of the Earth,

to protect her waters pure, her forests of silent majesty, her creatures large and small.

Hopping, swimming, gliding, galloping, soaring to heaven.

O God, my Creator, the Spirit riding on the wind, guide me in wisdom and caring,

to keep this sacred beauty for all generations to come.

I would be a shepherd of the Earth.

I walk this earth in quiet wonder.

*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.**

Prayers of the People

*Closing Hymn

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

NCH #417

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Christ lag in Todesbanden (BWV 625)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*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 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

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>
Bill McCarter	For comfort and peace
Kathy Mortensen & Nathan Morris	For healing
Victoria and Jeff Dauber and family, 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
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 my mother and father and my sisters Barbara Hall and Betty Smith, by Priscilla Saltmarsh. The Narthex flowers are in memory of Helen and David McKnight.

New-Comers Inquiry Session (NCIS)

Today, immediately after the worship service

If you are interested in learning more about First Congregational Church in Winchester or considering membership please join Rev. Will in his office immediately following worship. It's a 45 minute gathering designed for you to learn more about the church, its denomination, our ministries and the way we operate. It's also an opportunity to ask any questions you might have.

Today is Earth Day Sunday at FCCW

In order to build on the momentum of today's Earth Day service, the Green Congregation Taskforce is sponsoring an 11th Hour Presentation in the Palmer Room. A big thank you goes to the Children and Youth Faith Formation Ministry who will be providing coffee and refreshments in the adjoining Tucker Room.

The 11th Hour PowerPoint Presentation will focus on the cost-saving and carbon-reducing implications of equipping FCCW with solar panels to generate its own electrical power. A carbon-free source of energy generation, the use of solar also dramatically reduces our electrical costs and dependency on utilities. Most importantly, by seeking to become carbon-neutral through solar energy - we witness to our surrounding town and communities that FCCW is a church that actively cares for our environment and the world.

News & Upcoming Events

FCC Monthly Men's Group

Sunday May 5, 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.

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

RIM International Concert May 2

The RIM International Concert will be held on May 2, 2019, at 7 p.m., at Temple Reyim, 1860 Washington St., Newton, MA.

Participating Choirs:

Koleinu-Boston's Jewish Community Chorus, Philadelphie SDA Church Malden, Sikh Chorus Westborough, Compassionate Hearts Children's Chorus St. Peter's Church, Ugandan Choir Waltham, Islamic Call to Prayer

Speaker: Robert Trestan, ADL, New England Regional Director

Proceeds benefit the RIM Central organization, which provides professional support to clients (such as the services of a social worker) and assists the clusters in their work with clients.

Tickets: \$25. Buy online or contact Bruce Alexander bruce_alexander@comcast.net or Linda Alexander lgalexander@comcast.net

Annual Meeting May 5th

You are warmly invited to our church's 2019 annual meeting on Sunday May 5th. It is after worship in Chidley hall and includes a catered light lunch. There will also be lunch and childcare – with activities – provided for the children. Never been to an annual meeting here before or haven't been for several years? Then you don't know how engaging our meetings can be. This year you should bring your smartphone, if you have one, for a new community activity! We will be hearing a State of the commUnion address from Will. He hopes to talk about what has been happening in our congregation and challenge us about how we can continue to move forward. Our table conversations will pick up on this as we share our ideas of where our priorities should be in the next five years. These discussions will help to inform the Leadership Team as it undertakes a one-year process of strategic planning for the next five years.

We plan to give the table floral displays to the person at the table who is the newest to our church – we'd love to have our more recent arrivals come join us. You don't have to be a member to attend the meeting - you don't vote, but that will be a relatively brief part of the proceedings.

Come join us!