

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Christ lag in Todesbanden

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Now the Green Blade Rises (2014)

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

The Call to Worship

Jackson Tresselt

(Based on words in "Cloud Walking" from Steven Charleston)

One: You cannot catch the soul train if you are loaded down with too much baggage. That train of hope runs the rail of heaven on lightning wheels, it waits on no human time and answers to no agenda but the call to board in love. If you are carrying anger or pride, bitterness or envy, you will need to drop that luggage and let your feet fly to reach towards glory! So let go of what weighs you down, my friends, let go of what you think you need. An open heart is your ticket. A heart full of praise is what you bring along. An open mind is your place on the last track towards God. Welcome aboard!

All: We hear our Conductor's call and climb aboard to worship this morning knowing that our fulfillment and the world's consummation lies in the praise of our Source, Sustainer and Destination. Amen!

*Processional Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

New Century Hymnal #28

*Call to Confession

Kathleen Zagata

Prayer of Confession

God of great mercy and abundant gifts, we recognize how cramped our perspective can become unless we turn our hearts to You with prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Instead of dwelling on what is lacking in our lives, help us to celebrate the abundance that accompanies our living as part of this earth. Instead of seeing ourselves as self-made people, remind us that we are Yours and sustained by Your mercy alone. Instead of placing ourselves in the spotlight and seeking our own praise, make of our lives a hymn of praise to You. Instead of making our own desires paramount, turn us out towards others in an effort to satisfy Your loving desires for this world. Forgive us for anything we've done or left undone because of our limited sense of Your mercy and love. 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.

A Time for the Young

Rev. Judy Arnold

*Hymn

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

NCH #32

Scripture

Psalm 148

Liturgist: Elizabeth Rozmanith

OT pg. 582, LP pg. 546

REFRAIN (♩ = ca. 60)

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Chords: D, G, A, Bm, Bm/A, F#sus4, F#, Bm, Em7, D/F#, Gmaj7, A, D, G/D, D (Fine)

John 13:31-35

NT pg. 108, LP NT pg. 94

Sermon

"Raise Your Praise"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory

Love Is Come Again

arranged by Mark Schweizer, 2010

French Carol: *Noël nouvelet*

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom men had slain,
Thinking that He never fain would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Still thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

*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

*Closing Hymn

Oh For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

NCH #42

Benediction

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude
Toccata

J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

*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 Financial Resources Ministry.*

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May 19, 2019

Fifth 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.

*We are a Christ-centered, nurturing community
growing in faith, serving in love, welcoming all with joy.*

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Paul Crampton	For healing
Jodie Mullane, and her family and friend Cindy	For healing
Bill McCarter	For healing
Kathy Mortensen & Nathan Morris	For healing
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 deceased members and friends of this congregation.

News & Upcoming Events

WHS Chamber Singers and Octets Concert Tonight

The Winchester High School Chamber Singers and Octets are giving a concert Tonight at 2:00 pm in our Sanctuary. Come enjoy the music!

Ruth Group Women's Book Group Tonight 5/19

Ruth Group meets Sunday May 19th 7-9 pm to discuss "Anything Is Possible" by Elizabeth Strout at the home of Mike Redding 100 High Street #806, Medford. All are welcome. Contact maryann@mccall-taylor.com (781-729-6258) with any questions.

RIM Metro North Cluster Benefit Raffle and Auction May 25

The Metro North Cluster of the Refugee Immigration Ministry is holding a **Raffle & Auction** on Saturday, May 25 at the Temple Beth Shalom, 21 E. Foster Street, Melrose. It will be held from 7:30 PM until 10 PM.

This event seeks to raise funds to support the clients of Metro North and in particular our newest clients, a family of five - a mother and her 4 school aged children who are here seeking asylum. More information and tickets are available here: <http://bit.ly/RIMraffle>

Call for Summer Musicians, 2019!

It is time to think of summer at First Congregational Church – rich, unique summer services led by the talents and contributions of the lay congregational community. I am looking for volunteer summer musicians! Summer services are held each Sunday, 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you would like to contact me directly, I would be happy to add your name to the list of summer musicians for 2019. Otherwise, the traditional sign-up sheet will be available outside the Music Room. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talents. Keyboards, guitars, vocalists, any instruments will do! Please, please sign up if you are interested in providing music for the services, July 7 – September 1.

Calling All Preachers — Yes, that Means You!

Summer at First Congregational Church begins June 23rd and we have a wonderful tradition of people from the congregation preaching each Sunday. It's a true gift to hear other voices from the pulpit and come to know one another better in that way — and the practice helps us live into our protestant commitment to the priesthood of all believers. It's not just ordained clergy who can preach the word! Every one of us has a story to tell and often a unique understanding of scripture based upon our history and perspective. We bet you do too! Would you consider preaching this year? Available Sundays run from June 23rd to September 1st. Our new moderator, Sarah Gallop, is lining up preachers so please reach out to her if you are interested at seg@mit.edu. And if you'd like to talk a little more about what's involved feel free to reach out to Sarah, Rev. Will, or Rev. Judy. Thank you for considering!



FCCW Presence at Town Day Sat June 1st

Save the date on your calendar!

We plan to have a presence at Town Day.

Something fun and engaging to let the town know we're here, we're involved in the community and we welcome all with joy.

Stay tuned for a sign up.

Meet Our Church

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. Ed Banzy, Building Manager

Mr. Bill Lewis, Custodian

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)