

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Prelude & Fugue in D

Johann Krieger (1651-1735)

Chorale Prelude: *Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Opening Chant

"Song of Justice and Mercy"

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: The prophet Isaiah says "from new moon to new moon, and from sabbath to sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me." On this blessed Sunday as the new moon has waxed to full, here in mid-September, we gather to worship God.

All: May the God of the moon and of the sun, the Creator of all creation, receive our prayer and praise, our reflection and silence, our communal gathering in Jesus' name and draw our spirits once again into the Divine Presence.

One: Let us worship together!

*Processional Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

PH #391

Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

Creator Spirit, mighty wind of God, You brood over our lives, and speak new life into our chaos. You set Your Sabbath apart for rest and worship. Your Sabbath celebrates the flowering of creation, the wedding of our hopes to Your divine yearning. In the light of this holy Sabbath day, may we come to recognize that each day and each moment is sacred. Overshadow us now with Your beauty and Your joy, that our world may know a Sabbath of wholeness and peace, today and forever. In Jesus' name we pray...

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

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

NCH #583

Scripture

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Luke 15:1-10

Liturgist: Michelle Crawford

OT pg. 803, LP OT pg. 759

NT pg. 78, LP NT pg. 67

Sermon

"Our Shepherd God"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory

Create in Me, O God

Susan K. Navien, soprano

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*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

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

PH #63

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Chorale Prelude: *"If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee"*

J.S. Bach

*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 being hosted by the Coffee Hour Committee.*

Today's Worship Service

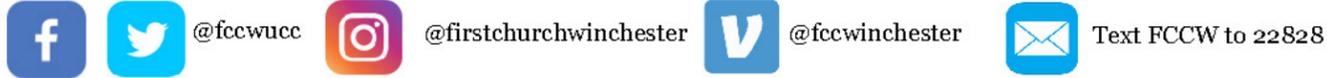
Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of family and friends of Kris & John Montgomery. Today's Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of Isabel and Everett Goss, by their family.

Meet Our Church

First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, An Open and Affirming Congregation
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Connect with Us!



The Congregation, Ministers to the World
Rev. William Burhans, Lead Pastor
Rev. Ms. 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, Building Superintendent
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. 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 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.

September 15, 2019

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 Worship Service

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

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Sarah Hebb Carpenter	For strength and healing from surgery on 9/9.
Olivia	For support in finding her way back.
Nick, friend of Christine Atkins & Frank Willwerth	For recovery from a traumatic brain injury suffered in a motorcycle accident.
Janet Snover	For strength in Rehab to recover fully from her stairs fall.
Kneiss Family	For the death of Aaron's Aunt Sally.
Susan Neill and the Richter Family	For the tragic death of Uncle Steve and an unknown 17-month old.
Patricia, friend of the Dwelling Place	For strength and comfort in learning her cancer has spread to her liver.
Family & friends of Joe Nagle, Pamela Balfanz's brother-in-law	In their grief.
Jessica Brand	For healing.
Melanie and Susan, sisters of Robin Delurey & Janet Brewer	Recovering from surgeries.
Martha George	For strength as she returns home.
Kris, Laura Bailey's brother-in-law	For healing, after recent cancer diagnosis.
Bill McCarter	For healing.
Susan Zimmerman, Julianne's mother	For stabilization & relief from pain; and comfort for her family.

Please let the Deacons or Ministry Team know if you have someone to add or remove from this list.

Upcoming Events

Ruth Group Tonight at 7 PM

We start the year with Tomorrow Will Be Different by Sarah McBride, meeting at the home of Jessica McArdle, 27 Pierrepont Road in Winchester. All are welcome. If anyone needs a ride or has a question they may contact Maryann at maryann@mccall-taylor.com.

Health Ministry Corner:

NAMI Family to Family 12-week Educational Series starts Tuesday, September 17th from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at the First Congregational Church of Winchester, MA. This 12-week educational series for family and friends of individuals affected with mental illness/brain disorders is offered free of charge. **Pre-registration is required.** For details and to register, contact NAMI leader, Maureen at 781-864-2336 or maureen1maureen@aol.com.

Family Nutrition Made Easy, a workshop to help families reduce dinnertime drama and to get children eating healthier foods. Scheduled for Wednesdays, 1-2 pm from September 25th to October 30th. The series is free of charge and will be held at the North Suburban YMCA, 137 Lexington St, Woburn. Open to parents and young children. Grandparents and nannies are welcome. For details, contact Kristen Herlihy at kristen@411healthandwellness.com

Friday Morning Yoga Continues Through September

Hello again. As summer wanes, we're back to our radiant unwavering practice! **Parking and Directions:** Park in the Dix Street parking lot. If full, park on Church or Dix street. Use the red Chidley Hall entrance door. Go up one flight of stairs to the Palmer room and follow the signs. See you there. Namaste! ~Pam Gaither

Growing in Faith

Do you love children and youth?

If so, we would love to have you be a part of our ever growing program! We are looking for some adults who would be interested in leading, or assisting in any of our Sunday Morning Classes from pre-k through 8th grade! If you are interested in being a part of any of the teams, please reach out to Ben (ben.pulaski@gmail.com).

Community Organization Day at Farmer's Market - Sept 21

Each year we've had a presence at the Farmer's Market for Community Day which Rev Will and Ben have helped organize. This year they will both be away at the youth Confirmation Retreat. Is there anyone willing to organize it this year? It involves setting up with materials about the church, church swag (we have frisbees and tote bags!) maybe some munchies, and then greeting people with a smile. In the past we've had church families sign up for a time-slot to be greeters at the table. It runs from 9:30am-1:30pm on Saturday. Please let Rev. Will know if you are willing to organize this!

The Coffee Hour Committee Needs Your Help!

Robin Delurey is looking for volunteers to assist the ministries with coffee service on Sundays. It's a great way to get to know other parishioners, familiarize yourself with various ministries, and be of service to our church! The time commitment is small, but the benefits to our church are great! A sign-up sheet will be at coffee hour. Please consider helping out.

Small Group Opportunities

Volunteers needed at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, September 21

We are looking for 4-5 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 30 people at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, September 21st. 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 is simple and easy to serve

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

Cindy Mahoney cindy33733@aol.com, Louise Ritenhouse lritenhouse@comcast.net, or Lisa Loughlin lisa3abp@aol.com

Progressive Dinner 2019 is in the wind...and needs your help!!! November 2.

Adding to a bushel-basket full of Fall Church programs, the PD team plans to continue the ever-popular Progressive Dinner on Saturday November 2. Getting a bit of a late start, we need your input and help now to make sure it continues to be a popular event. Countless comments like "When we first came to Church, we found everlasting friends at our first Progressive Dinner," and "It was so fun meeting new folks!" inspire us to continue this event and we need YOU.

We're hoping to hear from you ASAP if you can:

* Host one of the 10 dinners for 8 or 10 folks at your home.

or

* Provide a main course for 8 or 10.

All other participants will then be asked to provide either a veggie, salad, appetizer or dessert. Everyone contributes in some way which makes it a true community dinner!!! For questions and sign up, please contact Marsha Lamson at marshalamson@gmail.com or 781.721.2188.