

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her

G.F. Kauffmann (1679-1735)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Moment of Silence

Prelude

Canonbury

Gerald Near (b, 1942)

Call to Worship (Adapted from a Bahai prayer)

Ben Pulaski

One: Blessed is the home and the city and the streets where the mention of God has been made.

All: Blessed is the heart and the mountain, the refuge and the cave, where the mention of God has been made.

One: Blessed is the valley, the forest and the meadow, the sea and the lake where the mention of God has been made.

All: Blessed is the sanctuary and the hour and this gathering where the mention of God is made.

One: Let us sing of God and speak about Jesus and pray in the Holy Spirit as we worship together.

*Processional Hymn

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

NCH #539

Gathering Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Will Burhans

(from Steven Charleston's "Cloud Walking: A Spiritual Diary")

We lift up this morning to you, O God, a prayer of protection and we pray that it's energy may spread far and wide, a shield of light sustained by many souls. We pray for protection for all in need of shelter. For innocent children that they may be safe from abuse, for youth in any danger, for women battered that they may find freedom, for elders alone, for refugees, for first responders in the path of peril, for all soldiers far from home, for those who travel, for the ones with broken hearts, for the earth in her woundedness, for any who need a place of peace beneath the wings of God: we pray the power of holy protection. 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 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.

Testimony

Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

*Hymn

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

NCH #531

Scripture

Psalm 146

Sung Refrain: *Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, my soul.*

Luke 16:19-31

Liturgist: Peter Woolford

NT pg.68, LP NT pg. 79

Sermon

"A Great Chasm Between Us"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory

Anthem

Be Still, My Child [2018]

Music by Lee Dengler
Words by Susan Naus Dengler

There is a voice, a still, small voice that calls to you from wind and fire, that speaks amid the noise of life, and says, "Be still, my child, and know that I am God." Though nations rage, though mountains fall, this tender voice can still be heard. It sounds above the hate and fear, and says, "Be still." Be still, my child, and know that I am God. Be still, my child, and trust in me. Be still, and know my love for you. Be still, my child, I am your God. God is our strength from day to day. God is our help amid despair. It is God's voice, this still, small voice that says, "Be still, my child, and know that I am God."

*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.

*Closing Hymn

There's a Spirit in the Air

NCH #294

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Gloria Patri

Girolamo Cavazzoni (1520-77)

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 Bertha Schwint and Betty Luettich by their Granddaughter, Debbie Johnston. The Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of Ethel LeRuth, by Susan, David, Kristen, Meghan, and Casey Leathers.

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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 have an inductive hearing loop for those whose hearing aids have Telecoil. 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 outfitted with a changing table, toys, rocking chairs, couches, water bubbler 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 8th 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 29, 2019
Sixteenth 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>
Lucy Sanders	For healing.
Warren, dear friend of Carol & Dave Weir	For strength and healing while facing a serious diagnosis.
Barbara Hoekelman, Laurie Roby's sister-in law	For peace and relief in the final stages of leukemia.
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 & comfort in learning her cancer has spread to her liver.
Jessica Brand	For healing.
Melanie and Susan, sisters of Robin Delurey & Janet Brewer	Recovering from surgeries.
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 Faith Formation Events

Adult Faith Exploration Offering

First Program is Today at 11:30 am in the Palmer Room

"From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians" is a historical documentary that tells the epic story of the rise of Christianity. It continues Adult Faith Exploration Ministry's series about the three religions that share Abraham as an ancestor – Christianity, Judaism and Islam. The series will be shown on four Sundays after worship: 9/29, 10/6, 10/27 and 11/3.

The first program shown today will examine how Judaism and Roman rule shaped Jesus' life. Please join us in the Palmer Room for our first session. We will examine the political and social climate of Roman occupied Judea during Jesus' lifetime. Nazareth, Jesus' hometown, was a suburb of Sepphoris, a major urban center. Jesus therefore was most likely was exposed to and influenced by the diversity of Jewish, Roman and Greek culture. We will also explore the tensions not just between the Jews and the Romans, but also within the Jewish faith at that time. A light lunch of cheese & crackers, veggies & hummus, fruit and cookies will be provided.

Forum Begins Today!

We invite any High School students to join us Sunday evenings from 7:30-9pm starting this evening. Doors unofficially open up at 7 pm and we will begin with a classic game of THE BLOB at 7:30pm.

Next Confirmation Class is October 6th

Don't forget that the next Confirmation Class is October 6th at 5:30 pm in the Palmer Room. This will be the first time you get to meet your mentors. Don't forget to send me your song sheets before that day!

FCC Monthly Men's Group

Sunday October 6, 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.

Mission & Service Opportunities

Little Red Wagon Sunday

Food Drive for the Woburn Council of Social Concern

Today is the last Sunday of the month, where we hope to have full Little Red Wagons with contributions that will change lives. WCSS has composed a list of items that are most needed and can be found online, or near the red wagons. Thank you for being a church of generosity and love for others.

Outdoor Church

We still have opportunities to deliver sandwiches to the members of The Outdoor. Sunday afternoon at 1:30 a small group will leave FCCW & head to Harvard Square. There we will connect with the ministers of The Outdoor Church, and gather up some water, toiletries & socks which we will offer to those we encounter as we walk through Harvard & Central Squares in Cambridge. On our walk we will have the opportunity to engage the homeless, sometimes by doing something as simple as making eye contact, smiling as you hand them a sandwich, talking to them, or simply listening to what they have to say. Whatever your comfort level is, your presence will be meaningful for all involved.

The Mission & Outreach Ministry hopes that you will prayerfully consider these opportunities to serve our neighbors whose bodies and souls need & deserve physical & spiritual sustenance. If you can help please contact Lisa Loughlin, lisa3abp@aol.com or 781-346-1241.

News

Building Use Request Form and Process

The Ministry and Facilities Ministry Teams, in conjunction with the Building Manager, have begun a building rental procedure that will apply to **all rentals** from both members and non-members seeking to use the building. If you go to the church web site, click the far left drop down "I'm New Here", then scroll down to "Sharing & Renting Our Space". Scroll down and you will find the Building Use Request Form.

When this form is submitted, it is directly distributed to the MT which will determine which requests are aligned with the Mission of the church before the request reaches the Building Manager and Facilities. For example, a harp playing trio will probably get a rousing approval, but a heavy metal group during Holy Week will not pass muster!

Once approved by the Ministry Team, the request goes to the Building Manager who will contact the requester to determine the availability of the date and time of the event and then work to refine the details of the rental. This two-step process will ensure that the rentals are aligned with the church's mission and properly organized into the church calendar. We hope this process will help us to better address the needs of the renter and ensure we provide sufficient staff to attend to the rental request.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we incorporate new procedures to enhance the use and operation of our building.

Ed Banzy, Building Manager
Building Rental Form: bit.ly/FCCWRent