

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Lobet den Herren

John Kramer (b. 1973)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

Opening Chant

Come and Fill

Taizé Community (1982)

Time of Silence

*The Call to Worship (From the Iona Book of Worship)

Ben Pulaski

One: Thanks be to God that we have risen this day,

All: To the rising of life itself.

One: May God's purpose be between us and each purpose,

All: May God's hand be between us and each hand,

One: May Christ's pain be between us and each pain,

All: May Christ's love be between us and each love.

One: May the God who brought us to the bright light of this new day,

All: Bring us to the guiding light of eternity!

One: And all the church says: **AMEN!**

*Proclamation Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Pilgrim Hymnal #15

*Gathering Prayer (Adapted from the Iona Community)

Kathleen Zagata

One: We begin our day, our week, and our new church year by making space to notice you,
O God. You are always with us in surprising guises.

**All: Jesus of the flesh, we meet you in worker and friend, stranger and pilgrim,
the needy and the needed, the questioner and the questioned. So when we
meet you, may we deepen trust, deepen life, deepen justice and deepen joy.**

One: And when you meet us, help us approach our daily lives with presence and power,
with love and humility, with courage and dignity.

All: In Jesus' blessed 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

This is a Day of New Beginnings

New Century Hymnal #417

Scripture

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Luke 14:25-33

Liturgist: Kathy Mortensen

OT pg. 577, LP pg. 540

NT pg. 78, NT pg. 67

Sermon

"Weeding Out the Crowd"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Anthem

Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls [2006]

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones,
with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold.

The Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,
the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord.

Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength,
for the Lord dwells within and heals their land.

Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God.

When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray,

when they turn from dark to light and your will obey,

O Lord of Heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house,
and heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls...

Rev. Judy Arnold

Words & Music by Z. Randall Stroope (b.1953)

*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.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

*Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

New Century Hymnal #436

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Voluntary

John Stanley (1712-86)

*We'd like to invite you after worship for a picnic out on the front porch and lawn
to welcome everyone back after the summer!*

There will be food and drinks and a bouncy castle for the kids.

Thank you to Joan Theuer for organizing it all!

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Grace Haley, Barbara and Edward Lamson by the Lamson Family.

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Mr. Bill Lewis, Building Superintendent
Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

September 8, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 down 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.

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>
Kneiss Family Susan Neill and the Richter Family	For the death of Aaron's Aunt Sally. 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.
The Carr Family and their friends Family & friends of Joe Nagle, Pamela Balfanz's brother-in-law;	For their grief at the death of their son, Matt. In their grief.
Family and friends of Kyle Glacken, son of Debra Damren & Mike Glacken	In their grief.
Jessica Brand Robin Delurey & Janet Brewer's sisters;	For healing. Melanie has surgery and Susan has Kidney Cancer surgery next month.
Martha George Kris, Laura Bailey's brother-in-law;	For strength as she returns home. For healing, after recent cancer diagnosis.
Bill McCarter Susan Zimmerman, Julianne's mother	For healing. 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.

Growing in Faith

Urgent Need!

Our Sunday School team is in need of at least 3 adults to teach this year. We do not have any teachers currently in our 4-6 year old class and we are down one teacher in the 1st through 3rd grade class. If you are interested in the least bit please email ben.pulaski@gmail.com or speak with one of our wondering teachers.

Small Group Opportunities

FCC Monthly Men's Group

Tonight, 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

Second Wednesday Bible Study – September 11th.

Second Wednesday Bible Study begins for the Fall on September 11. We will study Matthew 5 - the Beatitudes and a lot more. We will pay specific attention to Matthew 5:38-42 which is the piece of scripture found fused with a bit of the rubble from the World Trade Center. Its theme is retaliation. Come join us - each session stands alone so you won't be behind. We gather at 7:00 in the Health Ministry office and end promptly at 8:30.

Ruth Group

Sunday, September 15 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.

Upcoming Events

Church Picnic Today at 11:30

The fall picnic is today, right after worship on the front lawn. There will be caesar salad, finger sandwiches, pasta salad, yogurt, fruit, water, and ice cream bars and cake. We have a bouncy house for the kiddos and some shaded areas for kids at heart. Anyone that wishes to help cleanup will be appreciated. Text your hungry friend to come join you. It is such a nice gathering and a wonderful way to spread the joy of FCCW.

Health Ministry Corner:

NAMI Family to Family 12-week Educational Series starts Tuesday, September 10th 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