

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Voluntary*

John Stanley (1712-86)

## Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

## Announcing Pledge Sunday

Kate Sandak

## A Time of Silence

## Prelude

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

James Woodman (b. 1957)

## \*Call to Worship (from the Iona Community Worship Book)

Rev. Judy Arnold

One: The world belongs to God

**All: The earth and its people.**

One: How good and lovely it is

**All: to live together in unity.**

One: Love and faith come together

**All: Justice and peace join hands.**

One: If the Lord's disciples keep silent

**All: These stones would shout aloud.**

One: Open our lips O God

**All: And our mouths shall proclaim Your praise!**

## \*Processional Hymn

*Shall We Gather at the River*

NCH #597

## \*Affirmation of Faith (adapted from The Iona Community Worship Book) Kathleen Zagata

**I believe in God who is love and whose love has given rise to the earth and all its people. I believe in Jesus Christ who came to heal us and to free us from all forms of oppression. I believe in the Spirit of God who works in and through all who are turned towards the truth. I believe in the community of faith which is called to be at the service of all people. I believe in God's power to transform and transfigure, to recreate and resurrect, fulfilling the promise of a new heaven and a new earth where justice and peace will flourish.**

## The 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.**

## Baptism of Silas Evander Hamnvik-Ard

### \*Hymn

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

NCH #325

### Scripture

Psalm 98

Luke 21:5-11

Liturgist: Kathy Mortensen

OT pg. 551, LP OT pg. 514

NT pg. 85, LP NT pg. 74

### Sermon

"The Grave Truth, part 2"

Rev. Will Burhans

### Anthem

*Marchin' to Zion*

Gospel Hymn/arr. Tim Harbold, 2012

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

We're marchin' to Zion; beautiful, beautiful Zion;

We're marchin' upward to Zion, that beautiful city of God.

Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known.

Join in a song of sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry.

We're marchin' through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.

We're marchin', we're marchin' up to Zion, that beautiful city of God...

Rick Rorzese, drums

### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

### Offertory

*Shall We Gather at the River*

arr. John Carter

### \*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

*Some Glad Morning*

NCH #595

### Benediction

### Passing of the Peace of Christ

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

### Postlude

*Sortie*

Cesar Franck (1822-90)

*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.  
In November, Coffee Hour is being hosted by the Personnel Ministry.*

# Meet Our Church

**First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, An Open and Affirming Congregation**  
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## **The Congregation, Ministers to the World**

Rev. William Burhans, Lead Pastor

Rev. Ms. Judith B. Arnold, Associate Pastor

Kathleen Zagata, RN, MS, CS, Minister of Congregational Health & Wellness

Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts

Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children & Youth

Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Ed Banzy, Building Manager

Bill Lewis, Building Superintendent

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Brianna Connolly, Nursery Supervisor

Jose Foronda, Bookkeeper

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

**November 17, 2019**

Twenty-third 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 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, a 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.

*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>
The family of Warren Daniel	For comfort in their grief at his passing.
Mimi Steffen, friend of Mike Redding	Healing as she recovers from a brain hemorrhage.
The Damren/Glacken Family	In their grief at the loss of Lillian.
The friends and family of Barbara Hoekelman, Laurie Roby's sister-in law	In their grief at her passing.
Bruce Lauterwasser	As he starts the next round of chemotherapy.
Lucy Sanders	For healing.
Warren, dear friend of Carol & Dave Weir	For strength and healing while facing a serious diagnosis.
Sarah Hebb Carpenter	For strength and healing from surgery on 9/9.
Olivia	For support in finding her way back.
Janet Snover	For strength in rehab to recover fully from her stairs fall.
Patricia, friend of the Dwelling Place	For strength & comfort in learning her cancer has spread to her liver.
Jessica Brand	For healing.
Janet Brewer	For healing.
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.

## Today's Worship Service

### Deacons

The deacons serving today are: Michelle Crawford, Leigh Depuy Carlisle, Kathy Mortensen, and Jenny Splaine.

### Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Court Crandall, given by his family.

## News & Upcoming Events

### Ruth Group: Tonight 7-9 PM Change in Location

The Ruth Group discussion of "Citizen, An American Lyric" on November 17th will be held at the home of Sarah Gallop, 25 Grayson Road, Winchester. We will start at 7 pm as usual. Contact this year's co-coordinators, Maryann McCall-Taylor or Kaye Nash with questions, ride requests, etc.

### NCIS: New-Comers Inquiry Session

#### Sundays, December 1st and 8th immediately after worship in Rev. Will's Office

What exactly is our denomination anyway? What's the difference between Congregational and UCC? What does this church believe? Do I have to believe it? What is required for membership? Who pays the bills around here? What volunteer opportunities are available to me and my family? What is "Forum"? Can just anyone sing in the choir? What does our Health and Wellness Minister do?

If you wonder about any of these questions, have others to pose, would like to learn more about our church or are considering becoming a member, we welcome you to a 45-minute informal session in Rev. Will's Office immediately after worship on Sunday, December 1st and Sunday, December 8th. We are happy to provide childcare down in the nursery if that would be helpful. Please contact Rev. Will or let Sarah in the office know if you are interested in attending.

## An Invitation to Thanksgiving dinner

You are invited to Thanksgiving dinner at the church. Last year we had a wonderful time, with young and old, singles, couples and families. Come for the company. Come for the food. If you don't have transportation, we can help with that. Plan to arrive at 12:30 to relax and chat and we'll eat at about 1pm. The gathering is informal and children are enthusiastically welcomed. You are guests, so no contribution or payment is expected. Please feel free to invite a friend.

In addition to the traditional turkey, we will provide a vegetarian option and will aim to keep most of the meal gluten-free (some pies may not be gf). Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

If you would like to help in any way, whether or not you plan to eat with us, please let us know. It can be by providing food (like a pie) or helping with rides, or offering something decorative, or helping to clean up.

If you plan to attend, want to help, or have questions, please contact Penny Sparrow (pjsparrow2@gmail.com, 781-721-0619) or Nancy Goodwin (nhgoodwin@gmail.com). We really hope you will join us!

## Middle School Sunday School Class

The Faith Formation Ministry of Children and Youth (CYFORM) is excited to fill you all in on what is happening with our Middle School Sunday School Class. For those unaware, our 6th-8th grade students meet every Sunday on the third floor. They, too, like the high school students, started the Black Letters of Jesus Curriculum, which focuses on the actions of Jesus. We've reached a point in that class where, we have a consistent number of youth and are still growing each week. CYFORM has found 5 wonderful adults that have agreed to make these students their priority and lead them deeper on their journeys each Sunday. Middle School is that time where parents still have a little sway on getting their kids to come Sunday mornings and it is a time where they are beginning to ask big questions about their faith. We believe that this is the time for them to grow as a group together and create friendships that will last the rest of their lives

The doors open to the class at 10am with some sort of morning snack and the lesson begins at 10:15 to allow those who want to start in the sanctuary still the opportunity. In the next few weeks we will be looking at doing a grand relaunching of the class by doing a bonding activity outside of class. A huge thanks to Susan Rozmanith, Petra Sansom, Andrew Sansom, Andy Gallop, and Taylor Tresselt for their happiness to be such a huge part in the youth's lives.

## Advent Women's Gathering,

"Coming to Our Senses": All women of the church are invited to an evening of fellowship and centering as we embrace the tastes, textures, and tones of the season. Join us on Monday, December 9th from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Tucker-Palmer Rooms.

## Ripley Chapel Healing Circle, Sunday November 24 immediately after worship:

An invitation to pray what is on your heart in community. A contemplative healing practice designed for those experiencing pain, grief, illness or burden. Connect deeply to the love, grace, and serenity that God offers us.

## Little Red Wagon Sunday

### Food Drive for the Woburn Council of Social Concern

Next Sunday 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.

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Sustainable Winchester, and the First Congregational Church



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