

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

6ème Couplet – Qui tollis peccata mundi

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship

One: We come together as a community.

All: We come knowing we are truly known and loved.

One: And yet, we come realizing that God may transform us.

All: May we open ourselves to that possibility.

One: May we remember that God loves us exactly as we are.

All: Let us praise God in song and prayer.

Rev. Judy Arnold

*Processional Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

NCH #182

*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

God of infinite love, who through Jesus Christ shared our life. Through Jesus you communed with tax collectors and sinners. We rejoice that you continue to come to us; that you seek us where we are and as we are. We celebrate Christ's presence with us now, working in us your new creation. Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us...

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

God of Change and Glory

NCH# 177

Scripture

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

Liturgist: Leigh DuPuy Carlisle

OT pg. 70, LP OT pg. 65

NT pg. 18, LP NT pg. 16

Sermon

Rev. Judy Arnold

A Quiet Time for Reflection

Prayers of the People

Rev. Will Burhans

Offertory

Anthem

Berakhot (Blessing) [2012]

Music: Casey Rule

Text: from Talmud Bavli, Tractate Berakhot 17a

May you live to see your world in your lifetime.
May your end be for the life of the world to come,
And your hope from generation to generation
May your heart conceive understanding.
May your mouth speak wisdom.
And may your tongue bring forth song.
May your eyelids look straight before you.
May your eyes shine in the light of the Torah.
And may your face shine like the brightness of the heavens.
May your lips express knowledge.
And may you rejoice in righteousness.
And may your feet run to hear
The words of the Ancient of Days.

Susan K. Navien, soloist

*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

The God of Abraham Praise (English words)

NCH #24

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Leoni

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Healing Circle in Ripley Chapel

*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 February, coffee hour is being hosted by the health ministry.*

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The Congregation, Ministers to the World

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Rev. Ms. Judith B. Arnold, Associate Pastor

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Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children & Youth

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

February 23, 2020

Transfiguration

10:00 Worship Service

Children Check In

Please scan this QR Code to check in your children (pre-k through 8th grade) if they will be going off to their classrooms.



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 & Navigation

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. We have signs and laminated maps to help guide you around our building.

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.

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>
Family and friends of Marty Rahmeier, daughter-in-law of Paul and Lynne	In their grief.
Family and friends of Janet Snover Jodie Mullane	In their grief. Prayers for recovery from shoulder surgery.
Rev. Lucy Sanders	For healing.
Don, Becky & Trent's brother-in-law	Prayers for surgical recovery and rehab.
Nai'Quan Hamilton	For God's mercy and grace to be present in his trial
Sarah Hebb Carpenter	For continued healing.
Dick Roby	For healing, courage, and peace.
Helen Scoville & George Roby	For courage as they help their father make decisions on his care.
Jane Ring Frank	For healing.
Suzanne White	For courage and comfort in her struggle with cancer.
Mimi Steffen, friend of Mike Redding	Healing as she recovers from a brain hemorrhage.
Bruce Lauterwasser	As he continues this round of chemotherapy.
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 DuPuy Carlisle, Aaron Kneiss, and Megan Scipione.

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sally Finn. The Narthex flowers are given in honor of her mother, Mrs. W. Haven Sherburne, both by Mr. Jay Finn.

News & Upcoming Events

Ripley Chapel Healing Circle

TODAY 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. Childcare is available.

Repair Cafe

The Environmental Ministry Team will be convening following today's worship service. We will be meeting in the Henry Room. Designer and Workshop Leader, Karen Bellacosa, will present a proposal and plan of action for starting up a Repair Cafe within FCCW and the wider community. As done by other organizations and communities, Repair Cafes "strive to reduce waste, develop a cadre of repairers through skill-sharing, and to build and strengthen community bonds. Given Karen's background and skill set, she is uniquely qualified to help FCCW work towards this goal of fostering sustainability while building community. All are invited to hear about this exciting new development!

11th Hour in Ripley, March 1st - Safe Communities Act Presentation

Members of the Immigrant Justice Committee (IJC) of the Network for Social Justice will lead an informative discussion of the Safe Communities Act which is being considered by the Massachusetts Legislature. What would it mean for Winchester to become a Safe Community as they hope? A video of Laura Rotolo of the ACLU explaining the act will be shown, and IJC members will facilitate a question and answer period that will follow.

Ruth Group Tonight from 7-9 pm
Susan Sawyer's house 15 Sheffield West in Winchester

The Ruth Group women's book group meets once a month at someone's home, it is open to all women of the congregation. Decaf coffee & tea and simple desserts are offered by the host. New participants are always welcome to join in the fellowship and discussion, whether or not you have read the book. This month's book is Persuasion, by Jane Austen. We meet at Susan Sawyer's home at 15 Sheffield West.

Ash Wednesday

Join us for a brief service in a candle-lit Ripley Chapel to begin Lent this Wednesday at 7 pm. The service is a time of preparation and reflection for the 40 days to come when we remember our human mortality and dependence upon God. We'll gather in the round and share in scripture, song, and prayer and conclude with an imposition of ashes on the forehead with the blessing: "From dust you have come to dust you shall return, receive God's blessing for these 40 days."

TUESDAYS WITH JESUS and one another.

Each Lent we have a series of Tuesday night gatherings that begin with Centering Prayer at 6:30. This year we'll be praying in Ripley Chapel. Then we'll adjourn to the Tucker Room for a simple supper of soup and bread. This year we will adopt the practice that many monasteries use. One voice will read while everyone enjoys the soup and the calm that comes from listening. We will take some time at the end of the evening's reading to share some thoughts. We will be reading *On the Brink of Just About Everything: Grace, Gravity and Getting Old* by Parker Palmer. Our plan is to complete the book by Holy Week. The other possibility was *Barking to the Choir* – which for various reasons didn't work – we urge you to visit NPR *On Being* and listen to an interview with Greg Boyle, the author. We plan to conclude each Tuesday by 8:00 p.m.

The Open Door of Blessing

A contemplative retreat, Saturday March 14, 10am to 2pm, Ripley Chapel.

The Sermon on the Mount calls us out and challenges us spiritually. And yet it also helps us not to be a pain ... a religious, judgmental bore! Jesus invites us not to be quick to judge by using poetic images, baffling proverbs, and a set of blessings that are anything but obvious.

Because of this quality I find the blessing list in Jesus' first sermon well designed for contemplation. He invites us to look at God in everyday life. And because Jesus' big topic is blessing, his beatitudes are full of magic and grace! Kathleen Zagata and I are going to make this retreat right sized for Ripley Chapel. There will be moments of quiet, times of scripture and artistic enrichment, conversation, and connection. I hope you can set aside time for reflection this Lent and that this retreat may serve your needs for time apart. Registration through March 10. Register by brochure (available at coffee hour or in the church lobby) or with this QR code. ~Jonathan Goodell



LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES: 7 LAST WORDS of JESUS FROM THE CROSS

During the 6 Sundays of Lent this year leading up to Holy Week and Easter, our worship services will be centered upon the 7 Last Words of Jesus from the cross. Our tradition, from the very forming of the Gospels, has always held these last "words" (phrases or sayings) he spoke before his death as especially sacred. The 7 Words, including "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34) and "Woman here is your son... Son, here is your mother" (John 19:26) among others, are spread across the four Gospels and reveal the very human anguish that links him in a profound way to the sorrows and struggles of our own lives. At some point in the Middle Ages the words were ordered as they stand now and services were held – often during Holy Week - to invite worshippers to reflect upon the words and through them how Jesus speaks into their own lives. During our Lenten worship services starting Sunday, March 1st, we'll engage each of the 7 Words through prayers, sermons and our music. Each week, to further illuminate the 7 Words, the choir, along with the esteemed Aryaloka String Quartet and organ, will offer a corresponding movement from Joseph Haydn's profound masterpiece, *The Seven Last Words*. The work serves as a meditation on the gravity of tragedy, as well as on the promise of redemption. Our hope is that this worship series will open you to the compassionate heart of Jesus as you move through the reflective season of Lent and prepare you for the joyful celebration of Easter.

Faith Formation News

Stepping Stones

This week in our classes, the children will be reading the story about the Good Samaritan. They will learn about what it means to be kind and take care of others around them. This week in the car, before bed, or at the dinner table ask them these following questions:

1. Who are your neighbors?
2. How does your family help each other?
3. What are some ways your family helps other people?

Here is an activity to do this week. Take an empty jar and brainstorm some ideas of simple kindnesses that everyone in your family could do to help someone right in front of them. Put all of the ideas in the jar and then take turns drawing one slip a week. Look for opportunities to carry out the acts of kindness that you drew.

Middle School

This week's lesson is called "Jesus treats the least as family" and it comes from Mark 5:21-34). It is about hospitality. Some say it's a spiritual gift that certain people are wired with, while the rest of us are free to focus on other things. When Jesus lived on earth, he extended hospitality to those around him, welcoming them into his presence with warmth and kindness. And he made a point to include the least. As Christ-followers who seek to do the things that Jesus did, we can extend hospitality because God welcomed and loved us first.

Take some time to talk to your middle schoolers about how you can make your house more welcoming to different people? What would be the most welcoming and why to those people: Your friends, the coolest kid at school, your Sunday School teacher, the most awkward student/teacher at school, the last homeless person you saw, the President of the United States.

We are still looking for a few adults who love Middle School Students to join our teaching team. If you have any interest or know someone who might, please let one of the current teachers know or email ben.pulaski@gmail.com.

Forum

This week's lesson is called "Jesus Unleashes the potential of the least" and comes from Mark 1:16-20 and Luke 9:1-11. The teens will discover how to see God's potential in ordinary circumstances, relationships and even themselves. They will study Jesus' calling and sending out of ordinary fishermen as well as a modern day example of someone who saw potential in the world's poorest children. The high school students will practice the art of seeing potential and be challenged to embrace and encourage it in others.

High School Overnight March 7th-8th

Attention all High School Students. We will have a very exciting overnighter in a few weeks. Please text or email me if you are planning on attending! The doors will open at 8pm and will close at 10pm...so make sure you are in the church by then. We are planning on playing some great games, making some delicious pancakes (perhaps Nick will make his infamous Red Bull pancakes) and have a meaningful time of worship in the early hours of Sunday.

Did you know?

Every second Saturday of the month the youth have been delivering sandwiches and praying for the people on the streets in Cambridge. Be sure to keep them in your prayers each month.

