



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Blessing of the Animals -October 18, 2020

Prelude *Blue Train* John Coltrain, 1958
The Jazz Band

Welcome & Call to Worship Rev. Will Burhans

Opening Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* New Century Hymnal, #28

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the creatures in our care, for all creatures wild untamed,
Hear O God our faithful prayer, bless them all in Jesus' name.
God of all, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Gathering Prayer Karen Bellacosa

A Time for the Young *All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir* The Lauterwassers

CHORUS: All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire
Some just clap their hands, or paws,
or anything they got now.

Scripture Job 12:7-12 Andrew and Colin Beltz
Revelation 5:11-14

Sermon "Human Being and Creature Being" Rev. Will Burhans

Blessing of the Animals All our pets and Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory *All of Me* Gerald Marks & Seymour Simons, 1931
The Jazz Band

Closing Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* New Century Hymnal, #31

REFRAIN: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

REFRAIN: All things bright and beautiful...

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.

REFRAIN: All things bright and beautiful...

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.

REFRAIN: All things bright and beautiful...

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

Sunny
The Jazz Band

Bobby Hebb, 1963

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, Rev. Judy Arnold, Associate Pastor,

Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, Jeffrey Mead, Keyboards

Kathleen Zagata, Minister of Health & Wellness, Jacob Greenberg, Interim Director Faith Formation Children & Youth

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SPECIAL THANKS to the JAZZ BAND: This morning, we thank Cam McPherson, keyboards; Drew McPherson, trombone; Sven Larson, bass; Rick Forzese, drums and percussion. We are grateful for their efforts to record and mix the audio files in advance of the service. As always, we are blessed by their talents.

Link to the Creation Care Voter Challenge:

<https://sneucc-reg.brtapp.com/CreationCareVoterPledge>

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Family and friends of Suzanne White, Mother-in-law of Megan Scipione's sister, in their grief.

Bruce Lauterwasser, for strength and healing through this new round of radiation therapy.

For the family of Peg Perenick, comfort and peace. Peg (Margaret) Perenick died on September 30th. Many of our long-time members may remember Peg when she was the church secretary and bookkeeper. We remember kindly her service to the church.

For the family and friends of Pam Boerner, in their grief.

Reynolds Wilson Burns, Laurie Roby's nephew's wife. Prayers for healing for her and for Laurie's nephew, Bryant.

Elizabeth Thompson and her friends and family. Elizabeth had a stroke in June and has been declining. She is in the nursing facility at Brookhaven.

Kurt Rosenberger and family, for safety in the midst of the CA fires.

Glenn McPherson, Tony McPherson's brother, for healing as he awaits a kidney transplant.

Marie Flannery, friend of Lisa Loughlin and Julie O'Hara, that her spirits stay high as she awaits results of a biopsy.

Jane Ring Frank and Stephen Cole, for healing.

Sarah Hebb Carpenter, for successful surgery and healing.

A prayer of mourning for all those who have died of COVID19, as Renée Graham described them in The Globe on 5/12/2020 they are: "...health care workers, military veterans, doting grandparents, church folk, Holocaust survivors, a man who helped liberate a concentration camp, cancer survivors, bikers, lawmakers, grocery store workers, neurobiologists, barbers, meat plant workers, accountants, truck and bus drivers, security guards and educators."

For all the Black Lives that have been extra-judicially and violently extinguished.

Olivia, for healing and help finding her way back to recovery.

All of the front line healthcare workers and first responders, for their safety.

Rev. Lucy Sanders, for healing.

Susan Zimmerman, Julianne's mother, For stabilization & relief from pain; and comfort for her family.