



# First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

## Order of Worship -Twentyfirst Sunday After Pentecost -October 25, 2020

Prelude *Auf meinen lieben Gott* (BWV 646) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
(In my beloved God)

Welcome & Call to Worship Rev. Judy Arnold

Opening Hymn *Come Down, O Love Divine* Pilgrim Hymnal, #239

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Gathering Prayer Suzanne Kahl

A Time for the Young Jacob Greenberg

Scripture Psalm 1 Maria Fernando  
Ephesians 3:14-21 Andy McKinley

Sermon Rev. Will Burhans

Offertory *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Charles E. Callahan (b. 1951)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Judy Arnold

Closing Hymn *Though I May Speak* Hymns of Truth & Light, #68

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

*Praeambulum in C*

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

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

Thanks to Daniel Khudyak who is our contract video editor!

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### Link to the Creation Care Voter Challenge:

<https://sneucc-reg.brtaapp.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.