



# First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

## Order of Worship -Twenty fourth Sunday After Pentecost -November 15 2020

Prelude	<i>Andantino in C</i>	César Franck (1822-90)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Opening Hymn	<i>God Whose Giving Knows No Ending</i>	New Century Hymnal, #565

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store:  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.  
Gifted by You, we turn to You, off'ring up ourselves in praise:  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for serving, that your will on earth be done;  
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined the Church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through powers our grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, honoring you by loving all.

Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;  
From the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous day.  
Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived our human span,  
God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our stewardship began.

Gathering Prayer	Rabbi Car Bricklin-Small and Beth Levin (from Temple Shir Tikvah)	
Time for the Young		
Scripture	Matthew 25:14-30	Liturgist: Russell Carter
Sermon		Rev. Will Burhans
Offertory	<i>2ème Livre - Andante</i>	Louis Marchand (1669-1732)
Pastoral Prayer		
Closing Hymn	<i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	New Century Hymnal, #347

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
(Chorus, 2X): Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.

Pass the Word around: loaves abound! (2X)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.

Pass the Word around: loaves abound! (2X)

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

*Praeambulum in F*

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

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### Please keep these people in your prayers:

**John Giblin, Deirdre's father**, for continued recovery.

**Ed Banzy asks prayers for the family and friends of Wendy Haraldsen**, in their grief.

**For strength of body and resilience of spirit of Lisa Loughlin's friend, Marie**, as she begins chemo for non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

**Peggy and Jim Dickson, sister and brother-in-law of Fred Greene**. Prayers for continued healing; both are recovering at home (in Wisconsin) from the covid virus.

**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.

**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.

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

**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.