



# First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

## Order of Worship -Twentythird Sunday After Pentecost -November 8, 2020

Prelude	<i>The Quiet Harvest</i>	Thomas Keesecker (b. 1956)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Guest Stewards		Tom and Nancy Church
Opening Hymn	<i>Arise, Your Light Is Come</i>	New Century Hymnal, #164

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, you light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Gathering Prayer		Rev. John Denardo
A Time for the Young		Jacob Greenberg
Hymn	<i>O Savior, Let Me Walk with You</i> (vv. 1-3)	New Century Hymnal, #503

O Savior let me walk with you  
In earthly paths of service true;  
Tell me your secret, help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear winning word of love.  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; let me be  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

Scripture	Matthew 25:1-13	Liturgist: Janet Hall
Sermon		Rev. Will Burhans

Offertory

*He Comes To Us*

Thomas Keesecker (b. 1956)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

Closing Hymn

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

New Century Hymnal, #493

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend:  
I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will!  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!  
O speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul!

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
That where you are in glory your servant shall be, too;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow my Savior and my Friend!

Benediction

Postlude

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

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.

**The family of Robert Drummond**, in their grief. A former church member who joined our church in 1982. He died on October 10th.

**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.

**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.**

**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.**