



# First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

## Order of Worship - Second Sunday After Christmas - January 3, 2021

Prelude	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> Music by Gustav Holst (1874-1934) Text by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) Peter Owens, aerophone; Jeffrey Mead, organ	
Welcome & Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Opening Hymn	<i>What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright</i> (vv. 1 & 2) What star is this, with beams so bright, More lovely than the noon-day light? 'Tis sent to announce a new-born king, Glad tidings of our God to bring.  'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed." And lo! The eastern sages stand, To read in heav'n the Lord's command.	Pilgrim Hymnal, #144
Call to Confession		Rev. Lucy Sanders
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Forgiveness		
The Lord's Prayer		
A Time for the Young		Rev. Will Burhans
Scripture	Jeremiah 31:11-14 John 1:1-20	Liturgist: Bruce Lauterwasser
Sermon		Rev. Judy Arnold
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Invitation		
Prayer of Consecration		
Words of Institution		
Sharing of Bread and Cup		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Prayers of the People		Gathered Community

We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

REFRAIN: O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him a rise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Sounds through the earth and skies.  
REFRAIN: O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Benediction

Jane Ring Frank

Postlude

*Puer nobis nascitur*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

You are invited to fellowship with one another through Zoom Breakout Rooms.  
Our host, Bruce Alexander, will initiate the breakout rooms and participants will be randomly  
selected to join one another. Just click on the bottom right hand corner of your screen  
which will say “Join Breakout Room”

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, Rev. Judy Arnold, Associate Pastor,  
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, Jeffrey Mead, Keyboards  
Jacob Greenberg, Interim Director of Faith Formation for Children and Youth  
Kathleen Zagata, Minister of Health & Wellness

Thanks to Daniel Khudyak who is our contract video editor!  
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### Please keep these people in your prayers:

**Dan and MaryLynn Bukey, Michelle Stewarts' parents** - for healing and strength  
**Family of Janet Brewer, Robin Delurey's sister**, in their grief.  
**Bruce Lauterwasser**, for healing as he recovers from a recent round of radiation treatment.  
**John Giblin, Deirdre's father**, for continued recovery.

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

**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.**