



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - First Sunday After Christmas- December 27, 2020

Prelude	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i> Peter Owens, tenor and aerophone; Jeffrey Mead, organ	Liturgy of St. James, 4th c.
Welcome		Rev. Judy Arnold
Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Opening Hymn	<i>Away in a Manger</i> Away in a manger, no crib for his bed The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky look down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.	Pilgrim Hymnal, #137
Gathering Prayer		Kathleen Zagata
Lord's Prayer		
A Time for the Young		Jacob Greenberg
Scripture	Luke 2:22-40	Liturgist: Karen Roberts
Sermon	"Slow Cookin' OUR Souls"	Rev. Will Burhans
Prayers of the People		Gathered Community
Hymn	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> (vv. 1 & 3) Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria...	Pilgrim Hymnal, #116
Benediction		Jane Ring Frank
Postlude	<i>Bedeck the Halls!</i> [1985]	Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

You are invited to fellowship with one another through Zoom Breakout Rooms.

Our host, Bruce Alexander and Andy Speigel, 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:

Family of Janet Brewer, Robin Delurey's sister, in their grief.
Family of Maureen, Peter Rosenberger's secretary of 30 years, in their grief.
Family of Michael Dinsmore, Sarah Marino's uncle, in their grief.
Pam McPherson and the whole McPherson family, in their grief at the death of Pam's brother, Trip.
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.