



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship -The Baptism of Christ Sunday - January 10, 2021

Prelude *Coventry Carol* Original Version, 1591
arr. Thomas Sharp, 1825
Susan K. Navien, soprano; Peter Owens, tenor; Tony McPherson, bass

Welcome & Call to Worship Rev. Judy Arnold

Opening Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain* New Century Hymnal, #154

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hill and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

Gathering Prayer Aaron Kneiss

The Lord's Prayer

Time for the Young Jake Greenberg

Scripture I Samuel 2:18-20 Liturgists: Josh and Tyler Malcolm

Luke 2:41-52

Sermon Rev. Will Burhans

Offertory *Kingsfold* arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Judy Arnold

Closing Hymn *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* New Century Hymnal, #51

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing away.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of days of joy and sun,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless One:
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of Jesus' name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
Of One who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still:
For though, like waves on Galilee, rough seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Savior's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,
Of One who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away:
For Christ who died on Calvary is risen from the grave;
God's sovereign Child, who reconciled, is mighty now to save.

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

Little Partita for Epiphany, vs. 4

James Woodman (b. 1957)

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:

Dan and MaryLynn Bukey, Michelle Stewarts' parents , for healing and strength.

Family of David H. Weis, Michelle Crawford's stepfather, in their grief.

Family of Janet Brewer, Robin Delurey's sister, in their grief.

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

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.