



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Second Sunday After Epiphany - January 17, 2021

Prelude *Prelude on ST. MARTIN'S* Mark Fax (1911-74)

Welcome & Call to Worship Rev. Will Burhans

Opening Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* New Century Hymnal, #593

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun, of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
God who has brought us thus far on the way;
God, who by your might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget you,
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

Gathering Prayer David and Elizabeth Page

The Lord's Prayer

Time for the Young Rev. Judy Arnold

Scripture Psalm 139 Liturgist: Katie Shanahan

Exerpt from MLK Jr. Sermon "The Death of Evil on the Seashore"

Sermon "Antidotes to Errant Knowledge" Rev. Will Burhans

Offertory

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

arr. Penny Rodriguez

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Andrew Harris

Closing Hymn

I, the Lord, of Sea and Sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
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Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

Toccata

J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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

Thanks to Daniel Khudyak who is our contract video editor!

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Please keep these people in your prayers:

The Zimmerman family, in their grief at the loss of Julianne's father, George Zimmerman.
Prayers for whole health and healing for our congregation and our world, as we reflect on the 20
year anniversary of Health Ministry at FCC.
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.