



# First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

## Order of Worship - Transfiguration Sunday - February 14, 2021

Prelude	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)
Welcome		Rev. Will Burhans
Call to Worship		
Opening Hymn	<i>We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding</i>	New Century Hymnal, #182
	We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place, Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance That our faith is not in vain, Searching like those first disciples For a sign both clear and plain.	
	Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, Splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel As the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder How the Law and Prophets meet: Christ with garments drenched in brightness, Stands transfigured and complete.	
	Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, Fearful lest our faith decline, We, like Peter, find it tempting To remain and build a shrine. But true worship gives us courage To proclaim what we profess, That our daily lives may prove us People of the God we bless.	
Gathering Prayer		Fred Greene and Carol Nason
The Lord's Prayer		
Time for the Young		Jacob Greenberg
Scripture	2 Kings 2:1-12 Mark 9:2-9	Liturgist: Rev. Judy Arnold

Sermon		Rev. James Ross
Offertory	<i>Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier</i>	J.C.H Rinck (1770-1846)
Prayers of the People		Rev. Will Burhans
Closing Hymn	<i>O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair</i> (vv. 1, 2, 4)	New Century Hymnal, #184

O wondrous sight! O vision fair  
of glory that the church shall share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
where brighter than the sun, Christ glows!

From age to age the tale declares  
how with the three disciples there,  
Where Moses and Elijah meet,  
they, with the Christ, God's future greet.

With shining face and bright array,  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs beyond  
who live within God's loving bond.

Benediction		Jane Ring Frank
Postlude	<i>Christe der du bist Tag und Licht</i>	Anon. (17th cent)

Rev. James Ross, Associate Minister for the Northeast Region of the  
Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ

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:

**Vandy French who is recovering in the hospital from a stroke, for healing.**

**Walter Lefeber, Suzy Kahl's father, for healing.**

**The Zimmerman family, in their grief at the loss of Julianne's father, George Zimmerman.**

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

**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.**