



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - First Sunday in Lent - February 21, 2021

Prelude	<i>Little Partita for Lent</i>	James Woodman (b.1957)
Welcome		Rev. Judy Arnold
Call to Worship		
Opening Hymn	<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i>	New Century Hymnal, #270
	Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: come, Holy Spirit, come.	
	To the members of Christ's Body, to the branches of the Vine, to the Church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign: come, Holy Spirit, come.	
	With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the pow'r to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: come, Holy Spirit, come.	
Call to Confession		Anne Hoenicke and Peter Woolford
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Forgiveness		
The Lord's Prayer		
Time for the Young		Rev. Judy Arnold
Scripture	Psalm 142 Mark 1:9-15	Liturgist: Dina Pradel
Sermon	"The Ring of Power"	Rev. Will Burhans
Offertory	<i>Herzlich thut mich verlangen</i>	J.C.H Rinck (1770-1846)
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Christiane Dutton/ Rev. Don Dutton
Closing Hymn	<i>Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days</i> (vv. 1-3)	New Century Hymnal, #211

Lord Jesus, who through forty days
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend,
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength to persevere,
In you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence,
And through this Passion-tide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death,
O Christ, with us abide.

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

Christum wir sollen loben schon [BWV 611]

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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:

Tom Roche and family, at the death of his younger brother.

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

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

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

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

Lisa Loughlin's friend, Marie, continued strength & healing.

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.

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.