



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 25, 2021

Prelude	<i>Resignation & Thaxted</i> [2019]	arr. Thomas Keesecker (b. 1956)
Welcome and Call to Worship		Rev. Judy Arnold
Opening Hymn	<i>My Shepherd Is the Living God</i>	New Century Hymnal, #247
	My shepherd is the living God, I therefore nothing need; In pastures fair, near pleasant streams you settle me to feed. You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your ways, And lead me for your mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.	
	When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay; A word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.	
	The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others come and go; No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.	
Morning Prayer		Rev. Will Burhans
The Lord's Prayer		
Time for the Young		Jake Greenberg
Scripture	Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17	Liturgist: Rob Skinner
Sermon	"The Shepherd Lamb"	Rev. Will Burhans
Offertory	<i>Sheep May Safely Graze</i> from <i>Birthday Cantata</i>	J. S. Bach/arr. Egon Petri

Closing Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymns of Truth and Light, #87

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

Heut triumphiret Gottes Sohn (S. 630)

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

Susan K. Navien, soprano, Peter Owens, tenor

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Please keep these people in your prayers:

Bruce Lauterwasser, for strength and healing as a new round of chemotherapy begins.

Natalie Roche, at the loss of her brother.

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.

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.

Susan Zimmerman, Julianne's mother, For stabilization & relief from pain; and comfort for her family.