



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday - May 9, 2021

Prelude *Ballo del granduca* J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Welcome and Call to Worship Rev. Will Burhans

Opening Hymn *This Is My Mother's World* Pilgrim Hymnal, #485

This is my Mother's world; And to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.

This is my Mother's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, Her hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Mother's world; The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Mother's world; She shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear her pass; She speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Mother's world; Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Mother's world; Why should my heart be sad?
For she is Queen; let the heaven's ring. God reigns; let the earth be glad.

Morning Prayer Maggie, Georgia, and Nathan Keeler

The Lord's Prayer

Time for the Young Kathleen Zagata

Scripture Liturgists: Rev. Judy Arnold and Autumn Hendrickson

Sermon Rev. Will Burhans

Anthem "One Candle" WHS Chorus
Music by Andy Beck; Lyrics by Beck & Brian Fisher

Offertory *Little Partita for Easter* (vv. 1,3) James Woodman (b. 1957)

Prayers for the People Kris Montgomery and Sarah Lewis

Closing Hymn *God of the Women* to the tune: SLANE
Alternate text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more –
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women who fled from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day –
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

Little Partita for Easter (v. 4)

Woodman

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:

For Rob, the son of a Dwelling Place guest. He needs prayers for peace and calm; and especially for his awareness of God's presence in his life. Rob is in the military and facing disciplinary measures due to his inability to manage some mental health issues.

For Terry Marotta's niece Grace and her whole family, at the death of her sister Nan.

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

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.