



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - July 25, 2021

Prelude *St. Columba* arr. By Timothy Cummings

Welcome and Call to Worship Rev. Will Burhans

Opening Hymn *God's Eye Is on the Sparrow* New Century Hymnal #475
(vv. 1 & 2)

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
When God is ever my portion? My constant friend will be:
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me;
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.

(Refrain) I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," Christ's tender word I hear,
And resting on God's goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path God leads me but one step I may see:
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me;
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Morning Prayer Russell Carter

The Lord's Prayer

Time for the Young Jake Greenberg

Scripture Job 1:1-8 Liturgist: Rev. Judy Arnold
Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon "Feel Free to Pick and Choose" Taylor Tresselt

Offertory "Largo espressivo" Robert Schumann (1810-56)
from *Album for the Young*, Opus 68, No. 21

Prayers for the People Rev. Will Burhans

Closing Hymn *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* New Century Hymnal, #433

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold

Postlude

Resignation/Thaxted

arr. Thomas Keesecker (b. 1956)

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:

Asako Burr and family, at the death of her mother.

Elizabeth Thompson, her family and friends. We continued to hold Elizabeth and those she holds dear in prayer during her lengthy illness following a stroke.

The people of Myanmar, for strength and safety in the midst of struggle and oppression.

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

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

Glenn McPherson, Tony McPherson's brother, for healing as he awaits a kidney transplant.

Jane Ring Frank and Stephen Cole, for healing.

Olivia, for healing and help finding her way back to recovery.

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