



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Earth Communion Sunday - October 3, 2021

Prelude *Dix* arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Welcome/Call to Worship

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* Music by Mark Schweizer
Text by Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1864
Susan K. Navien, soprano; Elizabeth Page, alto; Peter Owens, tenor; Andy McKinley, bass

Opening Confessional Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air* New Century Hymnal #566

Scripture Psalm 65 Liturgist: Christine Tresselt
Ephesians 2:14-22

Sermon "Choice of Two Cities" Rev. Will Burhans

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Sharing of Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn *This is My Song* New Century Hymnal #591

Announcements Rev. Will Burhans

Benediction

Postlude *Post communio* Anon. (18th cent.)

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, Maggie Keeler, Interim Children's Program Coordinator

Thanks to Brian McArdle who is our Livestream Technician

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Joanne Anderson, Jodie Mullane's mother, prayers for healing as she transitions to a rehab after fracturing her pelvic bone from a fall.

Prayers of joy and gratitude for the birth of Lucas Yu-Sun Zagata, Kathleen and Jake's grandson.

Carol Connelly, Pam McPherson's sister, for healing as she recovers from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Pam Budner and family, as they grieve the death of her brother, Stephen Albert Budner, Jr. of Benicarlo, Spain.

Prayers for **Bruce Lauterwasser** and the Lauterwasser family, as Bruce faces new challenges.

Family of Nadine (Orth) Jensen, Ken Orth's sister, in their grief.

Matt, 22, Leigh Kelliher's nephew, prayers for strength as he struggles.

Charlie Manoli, friend of the Banzy family, for healing.

Crystal, a close friend of Nina's (Nick Wankowicz' sister) as she undergoes tests on a mass in her breast. The fact that her husband can't accompany her due to COVID regulations increases Crystal's anxiety.

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.

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

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

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.

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Evander "Vandy" French, Jr. by his family.

Events

HEALTH MINISTRY Weekly Walking Group Every Tuesday at 9 am meet at 2 Mayflower Road.

In the spirit of health safety, we ask that all participants be fully vaccinated so that mask-wearing can be optional. Any questions contact Leigh Kelliher @ 781-439-7249 or Regina Campbell @ 617-277-1500. Dogs are welcome.

Just 1 Week left to submit your order for RIM Bulbs!!

Your purchase of bulbs provides financial support to the Metro North Cluster of RIM and its asylum seeking clients. Orders Deadline: Sunday, October 10. Choose from Narcissi/Daffodils. Hyacinths, Crocus, Chionodoxa, Allium, Tulips, and Amaryllis. For more information, contact your Bulb Sale Coordinators, Linda, or Bruce Alexander. Forms available in the church lobby.

Blessing of the Animals October 17 at 10 am on the Town Common

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