



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 27, 2022

Prelude *The Quiet Journey* Thomas Keesecker

Welcome
Gathering Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Rev. Judy Arnold

Opening Hymn *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* New Century Hymnal, #583

Time for the Young Maggie Keeler

Scripture Psalm 32 (with response) Liturgists: Jane Ring Frank
Luke 15:11-32 Liz Sayre

Sermon "People are E-Strange-d" Rev. Will Burhans

Offertory
Anthem *When Mary Thro' the Garden Went* C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)
Mary E. Coleridge ((1861-1907)

Prayers of the People

If you are in the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward and light a candle for a prayer intention. If you are on the live stream, you are invited to write your prayer request in the YouTube chat, and we will light candles in the sanctuary to represent your prayers. We will sing "Jesus, Remember Me" during the candle lighting.

Closing Hymn *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* New Century Hymnal, #547
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)

Farewell to the Rohalls

Announcements/Benediction Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude *Jesu, meine Freude* J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

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, our Live Stream Technician & Chris French for Slide Advancement

Acolytes: Marc and Lukas Pradel

Come to Hospitality Hour downstairs in Chidley Hall!

Please keep these people in your prayers

Prayers of strength for Jake, father of Nancy Kneiss, as he transitions home after hospitalization.

Prayers of healing and serenity for Christine Atkins, who is in the hospital with asthma.

From Last Bell Ministries in Ukraine: "As you pray for the safety and practical needs of our community, we ask you also to pray fervently for their faith to be sustained—for this peace that comes only from God."

For Bill Goodwin and his family (Nancy, Phoebe, Julia and Rose), for his hospice care at the end of life.

Pam McPherson's sister, Carol-Lynn, for strength and healing as she struggles with severe anemia.

Prayers of joy and celebration at the birth of Eliana James Treventi-Guarnaccia; Alex Rohall's young cousin and the first grandchild in Alex's generation.

The family of Tamar Bucci, the 34-year-old State trooper who was killed by a truck on I93 last week, as she was trying to help a motorist.

Blessings for Marjorie Moore, on her 90th Birthday.

Bruce Ziebart, father of Tomye Little, for recovery after heart surgery.

Two members of Bill Lewis's family: his sister-in-law, Mary Sommers, who is battling leukemia. His brother-in-law, William Moore, hospitalized with sepsis.

Associate Pastor for Youth and Families Search Committee - for God's guidance and discernment in the search process.

Prayers of gratitude for our frontline health care providers, teachers and essential workers. May we witness with compassion their daily risk of personal health, exhaustion, and moral injury. We pray that our daily choices and actions reflect Thy will and consider others' well being.

Stephen Cole, for peace in memory care.

Ken Mattson, a neighbor of the Banzy Family, for healing as he undergoes treatment for cancer.

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.

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

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

Flowers

Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Michael O. Regentz, by the Regentz family.



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