



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Third Sunday of Lent - March 20, 2022

Prelude *St. Anne - The Floating Variation* Christa Rakich (b. 1952)

Welcome Rev. Will Burhans
Gathering Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Opening Hymn *O Love How Vast How Flowing Free* New Century Hymnal, #209
(vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

Time for the Young Maggie Keeler

Scripture Isaiah 55:1-13 Liturgist: Katherine Plosky
Luke 13:1-9 Rev. Judy Arnold

Sermon "Redeemed to Repent" Rev. Will Burhans

Offertory
Anthem *Just as I Am* Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)
Text: Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871)

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 *O God Our Help in Ages Past* New Century Hymnal, #25
(vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

Announcements/Benediction Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude *Kyrie - 2ème Couplet - Fugue* François Couperin (1668-1733)

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 & John Keeley for Slide Advancement

Acolytes: Tommy and Will O'Connor; Bell Ringer: Charlie O'Connor

Come to Hospitality Hour downstairs in Chidley Hall!

Please keep these people in your prayers

Prayers of gratitude for the generosity of countries surrounding Ukraine who are housing, feeding and caring for over 3 million (!) Ukrainian refugees, and prayers of gratitude for others sending support.

May the brave, freedom-loving Ukrainian people continue to feel courage, hope and the love of 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.

Charlene Joyce, Ed Banzy's cousin, for healing from a fall at home.

Prayers for Jake and his medical team, father of Nancy Kneiss, hospitalized for heart issues.

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 our parents, by Kris & John Montgomery.

Events

Parent Small Groups with Rick Irving

CYFFORM is offering a 3-session discussion group for parents led by Rick Irving. Each group meeting will start with a particular topic introduced by Rick, followed by discussion and sharing of ideas. Sessions will be held over Zoom on Sundays from 4-5 PM beginning March 27th. Spots are limited so sign up today for one or all three sessions!

Session One (3/27): Why is my kid doing that?!?!

Session Two (4/3): How do I handle the rough patches for myself and my kid?

Session Three (4/10): How do I talk to my kids?

Offering

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