



# First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

## Order of Worship - Welcome Back Sunday - September 8, 2024 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude	<i>Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir</i> (Lord God, we all praise you)	J.L. Krebs (1713-80)
Welcome/Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Processional Hymn	<i>Praise to the Living God</i>	New Century Hymnal, #8
Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer Act of Praise - Gloria Patri		Rev. Maeve Hammond
Time for the Young Back to School Blessing		Maggie Keeler
Hymn	<i>Just As I Am</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #319
Scripture	Psalm 146 Mark 7:24-30	Liturgist: Christine Tresselt
Sermon	"Jesus Goes to School"	Rev. Will Burhans
Offertory Anthem	<i>How Lovely Your Abiding Place</i>	Austin C. Lovelace/Wedlock Text: Arlo D. Duba, 1984
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Maeve Hammond
Closing Hymn	<i>Bring Many Names</i>	New Century Hymnal, #11
Announcements/Benediction		Rev. Maeve Hammond/Rev. Will Burhans
Postlude	<i>Voluntary</i> <i>Stay after the service for refreshments and fellowship at the annual church picnic!</i>	John Stanley (1712-86)

**Rev. Will Burhans**, Lead Pastor, **Maeve Hammond**, Associate Pastor, **Jane Ring Frank**, Minister of Worship & the Arts, **Maggie Keeler**, Minister of Children & Families, **Jeffrey Mead**, Organist, **Sarah Marino**, Office Manager  
**Thanks to Brian McArdle**, our Live Stream Technician, and **Leslie French** for Slide Advancement.  
Deacons serving today are: **Mike Bailey**, **Rich Crawford**, **Robin Delurey**, and **Branda Wilhoite**.



**First Congregational Church in Winchester is proud to be Open & Affirming.** Since 2001, we have been committed to a "public covenant of welcome...and ministry to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions" (UCC O&A statement).

## Visitors, get connected!

We want to hear from you! Please fill out a Welcome Card and/or Prayer Request Card in the pews.

### Please keep these people in your prayers

**The Griffiths and Little family** as they grief the loss of Shelly Griffiths.

**Karen Roberts** for healing and recovery from spinal fusion surgery.

For **Liz Sayre's family** after the loss of her sister, Ellie.

**Olivia**, for the strength and courage to hold on to recovery and the self-love to move forward with her life.

Please hold **Sue Matowski**, daughter of Bucky, in your prayers. Her breast cancer has metastasized to her spine.

Healing for **Christine Atkins** after a difficult month.

Please pray for continuous miraculous healing of **Cooper's** brain and body, for walking, and for no infection.

**Marcia**, friend of Jodie Mullane, who now has breast cancer.

**Michele, Lia, Pat and Graham**, friends of Jodie Mullane, for healing.

Prayers for **Arthur Cobb and Lucy Sanders**. Arthur is managing Parkinson's and the return of prostate cancer which is slow growing and his doctor will actively monitor.

**Jessica Brand**, for healing.

**Kellee Fiske**, for healing and recovery after surgery.

**Jerry Vaughn**, for his continuing recovery.

Prayers of healing and comfort for **Bruce Lauterwasser's Aunt Joan and her daughter Babs** who is offering support to her at a difficult time.

**Kathy Ciolino**, college roommate and friend of **Linda Alexander**, recovery and healing from an aneurysm.

Continued prayers for **Laurie Roby's friend Laurel and her sister, Amy**, in her ongoing cancer treatments.

Prayers for peace for **Mike Redding and her loved ones**.

**Erin, Nanci Church's niece**, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, for healing.

**Carrie Ehrbar's parents, Tom & Kathy**, who are losing their ability to live independently.

**Nancy Alleyn**, friend of Nick Wankowicz's sister, Nina, for healing.

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

## Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Grace Haley, Barbara & Edward Lamson, and Marsha Lamson, by the Lamson family.

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