



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Welcome Back Sunday - Jazz Band - September 7, 2025 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude		Jazz Band
Welcome/Call to Worship		Rev. Emily J. Kellar
Opening Hymn	<i>Called as Partners in Christ's Service</i>	New Century Hymnal, #495
Call to Confession		Rev. Maeve Hammond
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Forgiveness		
Lord's Prayer / Gloria Patri		
Scripture	Jeremiah 18:1-11 & Luke 14:25-33	Rev. Dr. Jessica McArdle
Sermon	"Surrender and New Life"	Rev. Emily J. Kellar
Musical Reflection		Jazz Band
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Hymn	<i>Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread</i>	New Century Hymnal, #342
Invitation		
Prayer of Consecration		
Words of Institution		
Memorial Prayer		
Sharing of Bread and Cup		
Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)		
Offertory		
Anthem		Selections from the Jazz Band
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Maeve Hammond
Closing Hymn	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	New Century Hymnal, #23
Announcements/Benediction		Rev. Maeve Hammond/Rev. Emily J. Kellar
Postlude		Jazz Band

Special thanks this morning to our Jazz Band: Jane Potter, *piano*;
Lenny Bradford, *bass*; Rick Forzese, *drums*

Visitors, get connected!

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

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, **Rev. Emily J. Kellar**, Sabbatical Pastor, **Rev. 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: **Robin Delurey, Betsy Goodell, Christine Tresselt, Taylor Tresselt, and Branda Wilhoite.**



First Congregational Church in Winchester is proud to be Open & Affirming.

For decades, we have celebrated our LGBTQIA+ siblings and their inclusion in all parts of our worship and congregational life. In 2001, we became Open & Affirming through the UCC, meaning we are liturgically and theologically committed to a public covenant of welcome.

Please keep these people in your prayers

Arthur Cobb for living with Parkinson's and **Lucy Sanders** for management of her bipolar.

Prayers for the **loved ones of Mack, friend of Maggie Keeler**, as they grieve his loss.

Prayers of comfort for **Jim, John Keeley's cousin and godfather**, who is entering hospice.

Vanessa, newly diagnosed with previously unrecognized MS, for healing.

Prayers for **members of the Richter family** who are having a very difficult personal time.

Tricia Marino, Pam McPherson's cousin, who is recovering from back surgery.

Pam's dear friend, Claire Joyce who recently suffered a stroke that she is back to herself soon.

Prayers for the safety of **Laurie Roby's daughter-in-law's brother, Sajjad, and her extended family and friends in Iran.**

Healing and recovery for **Michelle Millben's mother**, who has recently undergone surgery.

Eileen Morris asks for healing prayers for her dear friend **Judy**, who is dealing with serious and debilitating skin issues and other challenging health concerns.

Prayers for **Jennifer, daughter of Barbara and Bob Davis**, as she recovers from surgery and now faces chemo treatments.

Roy Hasselberg, Erin Hasselberg Lucca's brother, for healing and strength as he enters weekly immunotherapy treatment for cancer.

Becky-domestic difficulty.

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

Cooper Sayre — Please pray for continued recovery, especially in walking and vision.

Prayers for **Kathy Ciolino, friend of Linda Alexander**, as she slowly and steadily recovers from an aneurysm bleed.

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.

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

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

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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