



# First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

## Order of Worship - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 21, 2025

Prelude	<i>Nun danket alle Gott</i> (BWV 657)	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Welcome/Call to Worship		Rev. Maeve Hammond
Processional Hymn	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>	New Century Hymnal, #12
Morning Prayer		Rev. Emily J. Kellar
The Lord's Prayer		
Act of Praise - Gloria Patri		
Sacrament of Baptism	Delilah Hagopian	
Hymn	<i>Child of Blessing, Child of Promise</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal, #325
Scripture	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Luke 16:1-13	Katherine P.
Sermon	"The Cry of my People's Daughter"	Rev. Maeve Hammond
Offertory		
Anthem	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> Jennifer Slowik, oboe	arr. Kyle Pederson (b. 1971)
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Emily J. Kellar
Closing Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	New Century Hymnal, #419
Announcements/Benediction		Rev. Emily J. Kellar/Rev. Maeve Hammond
Postlude	<i>2ème Couplet – Dona nobis pacem</i>	François Couperin (1668-1733)

**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: **Carol Andrus, Robin Delurey, Chris Noble**, 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.

## 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

Prayers of peace and comfort for the **loved ones of Jim, John Keeley's cousin and godfather**, who has passed from this life. May his memory be a blessing.

Prayers for **Pat and his family, friends of the Keelers**, for comfort and healing.

Prayers for **safety and peace in Kathmandu, Nepal**, in the aftermath of a peaceful, student-led protest that led to violence, destruction, and political instability. May all affected be safe.

**Marcia, friend of Jodie Mullane**, prayers as she re-enters treatment for cancer.

Prayers for **our sweet dog Carla**, diagnosed with cancer, as she lives her last days of her life with the Mullane family.

Prayers of celebration, **our daughter Candace** has slowly recovered from long term Lyme Disease.

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

**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.

**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, and also for left arm function.

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 by Mike Redding and her family in appreciation for the kind outreach of the church community.

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