

First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC
Memorial Service for William Hill McCarter, Jr.

Saturday, February 21, 2026

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeffrey Mead

INTROIT

Ave Verum Corpus, K 618
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Will Burhans

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Maeve Kieran Hammond

OPENING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hand has made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout,
The universe displayed!

Chorus: Then sings my soul My savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art.
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When through the woods And forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down,
From lofty mountain grandeur And see the brook and
feel the gentle breeze

Chorus

When Christ shall come With shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration And then proclaim:
“O God how great thou art!”

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Revelation 21:1-7

Jack McCarter
Susan McCarter
Jack McCarter

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Rev. Will Burhans

HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
Text: John Greenleaf Whittier

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper rev'rence, praise.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Susan McCarter
Meredith McCarter
Gathered Community

