



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Second Sunday in Lent - March 1, 2026

Prelude	<i>Herzlich tut mich verlangen</i> (BWV 727)	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Welcome/Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Processional Hymn	<i>What Wondrous Love is This</i>	New Century Hymnal, #223
Prayer of Confession		Rev. Maeve Kieran Hammond
The Lord's Prayer		
Act of Praise - Gloria Patri		
A Word from the Deacons		Rich Crawford
Scripture	John 3:1-17	Liturgist: Pam Budner
Sermon	"Celebrating the Contradictions"	Rev. Will Burhans
Quiet Time for Reflection		
Offertory		
Anthem	<i>The Journey Home</i> Johann Soulds, cello	Craig Courtney/Pamela Stewart
Prayers of the People		
	<i>If you are in the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward and light a candle for a prayer intention.</i>	
	<i>If you are on the live-stream, you are invited to write your prayer request in the YouTube chat,</i>	
	<i>and we will light candles in the sanctuary to represent your prayers.</i>	
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Communion Song	<i>The Light Is In The Summer Sun</i>	Rev. Will Burhans
Invitation		
Prayer of Consecration		
Words of Institution		
Sharing of Bread and Cup		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Closing Hymn	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> (vv. 1, 2, 4)	New Century Hymnal, #43
Announcements/Benediction		Rev. Maeve K. Hammond/Rev. Will Burhans
Postlude	<i>Plein-chant de L'Agnus</i>	Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, **Rev. Maeve Kieran Hammond**, Associate Pastor,

Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Worship & the Arts, **Maggie Keeler**, Minister of Children & Families, **Jeffrey Mead**, Keyboards, **Sarah Marino**, Office Administrator **Thanks to Brian McArdle**, our Live Stream Technician, **Judy Arnold** for Slide Advancement and **Maria Fernando**, Communion Bread Baker. Deacons serving today are: **Rich Crawford**, **Betsy Goodell**, **Petra Sansom**, **Janet Vaughn**, and **Branda Wilhoite**.

Visitors, get connected!

Please tell us about yourself and/or request a prayer by filling out a Welcome/Prayer Request Card found in the pews.

Please keep these people in your prayers

Peace and comfort for **the Marotta family**, and gratitude for the life of **Joan**.

Stephanie, sister of Linda Alexander, struggling with a caretaking role with husband after his stroke and her own health problems.

The Ryan family and Bob, who is recovering from a successful heart surgery.

Karen, Caroline Lafferty's aunt, for strength and healing in the face of a cancer diagnosis.

Frank Willwerth and family, at the death of his mother.

Sarah-Marie Giblin (Deirdre's mother), for a recovery to full health.

Katie Shanahan's father, for strength and healing through cancer treatment.

Ana, who is suffering emotional and economic distress, for comfort and sustenance.

Healing and strength for **Kim Farina's mother**, as she battles cancer.

Ellie Chita's son-in-law, Miguel, as he undergoes chemotherapy.

Peggy Wargelin, for peace amidst family chaos.

PJ Dodge, for healing after surgery.

Healing and strength for **Ron Taylor**, who has been recovering from a stroke.

Don, Drew Holman's step-father, for healing.

Julia's sister, Anne as she battles Stage 4 cancer.

Kelsey, goddaughter of Frank Willwerth, for strength in uncertainty.

Karen Roberts, for healing after surgery.

Kevin Kattwinkel, Susan K. Navien's brother, for healing from oral cancer.

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

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

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

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

Claire Joyce, for healing.

Healing and recovery for **Michelle Millben's mother**.

Jennifer, daughter of Barbara and Bob Davis, in her cancer treatments.

Becky-domestic difficulty.

Cooper Sayre, for continued recovery, in walking and vision, left arm function.

Kathy Ciolino, friend of Linda Alexander, in recovery from an aneurysm bleed.

Healing and comfort for **Bruce Lauterwasser's Aunt Joan and her daughter Babs**.

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

P&D Fund

On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' & Deacons' Fund. This fund offers monetary aid to members and participants in the congregation and those in the community who are experiencing an urgent need for financial assistance. Please consider a donation as part of your worship today. Scan this QR Code to donate through Pledgeling.



Flowers

Today's chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Daggett, given by his daughter Julia Daggett and her husband Chris Leadbetter.

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Rev. Thomas Cary Kinder

The Light is in the Summer Sun

Rev. Will Burhans

SOPRANO
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1. The light is in the sum-mer sun That ri-pens grape and gain. They
2. The light is in the bread and cup When win-ter sun grows weak. They
3. May light that flowed through Je-sus Christ Now fill our ev-ery cell, His

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fill with light. When life is done, The fruits of light re-main, the fruits of light re-main.
fill our sha-dowed spi-rits up With all the light we seek, with all the light we seek.
love that served and sac-ri-ficed Now shine through us as well, now shine through us as well.