



First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost- September 20, 2026

Prelude	<i>What God Ordains is Always Good</i>	arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
Welcome/Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Processional Hymn	<i>Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us</i>	New Century Hymnal, #267
Morning Prayer		Rev. Maeve K. Hammond
The Lord's Prayer		
Act of Praise - Gloria Patri		
Time for the Young		Maggie Keeler
Hymn	<i>For The Fruit of All Creation</i>	New Century Hymnal, #425
Scripture	Jonah 3:10-4:5 Matthew 20:1-16	Liturgist: Kathy Mortensen
Sermon	"Early-Birds and Late-Comers"	Rev. Will Burhans
Anthem	<i>Mi Shebeirach</i> Debbie Friedman/arr. Mary Feinsinger ("The One Who Blessed")	
Offertory	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	arr. Maureen Howell (b. 1962)
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Maeve K. Hammond
Closing Hymn	<i>The God of Abraham Praise</i>	New Century Hymnal, #24
Announcements/Benediction		Rev. Maeve K. Hammond/Rev. Will Burhans
Postlude	<i>Leoni</i>	Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, **Rev. Maeve K. 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 Drew Chase**, our Live Stream Technician, and **Leslie French** for Slide Advancement.

Deacons serving today are: **Richard Carbone, Rich Crawford, Robin Delurey, and Petra Sansom.**

Visitors, get connected!

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



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

Hope for **Sienna, Marianne Iacuzio's granddaughter.**

Rev. Don Dutton, healing from a broken femur.

Sophia Procops and her family, in navigating a chronic illness diagnosis.

Phoebe Goodwin, and her family, as she faces cancer.

Kendra, Julianne Zimmerman's friend, in the midst of caregiving.

Chandra, Shashi Narayan Uhlmann's mother, as she settles in long term care.

Jake Jaquith, Nancy Kneiss's father, for healing from a stroke.

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

The Kahl Family, at the death of Tom's mother Hilde.

The Shanahan family (Katie, Alec, Liam, and Logan).

Healing prayers for **Craig MacInnes**, as he recovers from a fall, **and his wife, Jeanette.**

Andrea, friend of Karen Roberts, that her cancer treatment will be successful.

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

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.

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.

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

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

Cooper Sayre, for comfort and healing following his recent surgery.

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.

Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and In loving memory of family and friends of Kris and John Montgomery.

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