First Congregational Church
IN WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - November 8, 2026 - Pledge Sunday

Prelude	*Vater unser im Himmelreich*	Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Processional Hymn	*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*	New Century Hymnal, #18
Gathering Prayer Lord's Prayer & Gloria Patri		Rev. Maeve K. Hammond
Guest Steward		Ted Lamson
Time for the Young		Maggie Keeler & Liz Sayre
Chant	Psalm 105 - "I Turn To Love..."	
Scripture	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	Liturgist: Betsy Goodell
Sermon	"A Nation Under God"	Rev. Will Burhans
Offertory Anthem	*Cantique de Jean Racine,* Op. 11	Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Maeve K. Hammond
Closing Hymn	*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*	New Century Hymnal, #588
Announcements/Benediction		Rev. Maeve K. Hammond/Rev. Will Burhans
Postlude	*Stewardship Slide Show: Where Our Hearts Are*	

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,** Organist, **Sarah Marino**, Office Manager. **Thanks** to **Drew Chase,** our Live Stream Technician, and **Judy Arnold** for Slide Advancement.
Deacons serving today are**: Julia Daggett, Robin Delurey, Betsy Goodell,** and **Andy McKinley.**

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

Family of Kevin Goldenbogen, the minister of Charlotte Congregational Church until his death recently.
Prayers of healing and comfort for **Ellen Burhans, Rev. Will Burhans' mother** who has just received an advanced-stage cancer diagnosis.
Hope for **Sienna, Marianne Iacuzio's granddaughter.**
Sophia Procops and her family, in navigating a chronic illness diagnosis.
Phoebe Goodwin, **and her family**, in her cancer journey.
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 Shanahan family (Katie, Alec, Liam, and Logan).
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.
Ama, 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, 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 flowers are given to the Glory of God and in and in loving memory of John Giblin, by Deirdre Giblin and David DuBard.

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