

TRICON WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Concord, Massachusetts
November 19, 2017

Celebrating Community

"In our possessive and possessing world,
one common object that has been lost is vision:
a way of seeing how the world might be."

- Christopher Levan

SILENT PRAYER

For strength for this day's huge and harsh demanding, we thank you, Lord, for patience yet to find, a brave new hope, a brave new understanding in the vast commonwealth of heart and mind. Thank you. Amen. -Joseph Auslander

PRELUDE

Sonata No. 1 in D
Jesse Levine - trumpet

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us come together with thanksgiving as God's people!

Many: **There are signs all around us of God's presence:**

One: A baptistry reminding us of God's redeeming grace;

Many: **A Bible breaking open to us the word of life;**

One: A cross declaring God's sacrificial love;

Many: **A table where the living Christ bids us welcome.**

One: Come, draw near to God, for God is with us.

*HYMN #551 (verses 1 & 2)

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

St. George's Windsor

*INVOCATION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light! Amen.

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

ANTHEM

Thank You Thank You
Hosanna Singers

Avery & Marsh

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*HYMN #559 (verses 1 & 2)

We Gather Together
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

Kremser

(Children may leave for their Church School classes after the first verse.)

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 55: 6-13 (p. 685 in pew Bible)

SERMON

A Vision for Thanksgiving

Jean Vandergrift

One: The Good News of the Reign of God!
Many: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN (insert)

For the Fruit of All Creation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Aware of God's gracious love for all creation, let us pray for all people, for all nations, and for the church, offering silent prayer as we are bidden.
Let us pray for all Christians: that each may know the power of the Living Christ and serve in faithful discipleship, and for the church around the world that its congregations may proclaim and live your good news. Pray for one another and for the church.

Pray silently.

One: Let us pray for the good earth: that all people may respect its resources, preserve its future, and enjoy its fruits in their season. May this coming holiday be a feast of faith. Pray for soil, sea, air, and the Thanksgiving holiday.

Pray silently.

One: Let us pray for our country and all nations: that our leaders may govern wisely and with compassion, our citizens would act responsibly and for the common good, and that all peoples on the planet would know peace with justice, all of us working together in line with your ways. Pray for our society and all others.

Pray silently.

One: Let us pray for the sick, the sorrowing, and the suffering: for our joys and concerns.... Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Pray silently.

One: O God, you know the deepest yearnings of our hearts and what would be best in all circumstances. Shape our lives according to our prayers and your perfect will. We pray in the words of our Savior:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Nun danket alle Gott Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
The Choir and Jesse Levine - trumpet

*Nun danket alle Gott mit Herzen, Mund und Händen,
der große Dinge tut an uns und allen Enden,
der uns von Mutterleib und Kindesbeinen an
unzählig viel zu gut, und noch jetztund getan.*

With heart, lips, and hands, let all thank God,
who does great things for us and toward all ends,
who has done for us, from mother's womb and childhood,
many unaccountable good things, and still does so today.

*Hymn of Praise

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication for our Offerings and our Pledges for the Coming Year

Jeff Campbell and Beth Vause

Voice One: We are the ones that plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.

All: All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above. So thank you, Lord; we thank you, Lord, for all your love!

Voice Two: We are the ones that issue the invitation to God's people to regularly set aside a portion of their resources and to make a financial pledge to the work of God through the church that matches their devotion. These pledges are like seeds of faith awaiting God's harvest.

All: All these good gifts, as well, while they pass through our hands, are sent from Heaven above. So thank you, Lord; we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Voice One: Jesus said that some seeds fall on good soil and produce grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty, sixty, or hundredfold.

All: Loving God, we celebrate the abundance of these pledges and dedicate them to your purposes through this congregation and beyond. May they multiply in number and blessing.

Voice Two: This morning, we celebrate community in Christ: The way we steward one another!

Voice One: All good gifts of treasure, talent and time are ultimately sent from Heaven above. We are but stewards, loving witnesses to what God's amazing grace can do.

All: So thank you, Lord; we thank you, Lord, for all your love! Amen.

*HYMN #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God *Ellacombe*
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Suite in D Major (Overture) Handel (1685-1759)
Jesse Levine - trumpet

*The congregation is invited to stand.

† Go Forth and Serve †

Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Jean Vandergrift, Interim Minister for Spiritual Development and Congregational Life; Victoria Wagner, Music Director; Jesse Levine, Guest Trumpeter; Paul Mahoney (Search Committee Member), Liturgist; Addison Boger, Audrey Feigh, Candlelighters; Brielle Carman, Liliana Carman, Bryce Cieplinski, Carter Hack, Cate Vause, *Hosanna Singers*.

The flowers are given by the Page family in memory of Wendy's father, Arthur E. Grannis III.



SMALL GROUPS

ADVENT 2017

*A*dvent is a season to deliberately connect memory with hope. It's also time to fearlessly acknowledge the dark, shadowed places that surround our world today. From within the darkness an emotional memory ignites like a single flame. It is the memory of God becoming human. Remembering Jesus, we discover a courageous hope that defies circumstances and roots us in God's hope for the world.

What do you hope for? Where do you find hope in the difficult times of life? Join a small group this Advent and engage in the 3 guided discussions.

Week One: *The Light of HOPE Within*

Week Two: *The Light of HOPE of God*

Week Three: *Living a Life of HOPE*

*"For you give me hope, O Lord; I have trusted in you since I was young."
Psalm 71:5*

Sign up online, in the parish hall or call the church office.