



Trinitarian Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
 Concord, Massachusetts
 November 26, 2017

Celebrating Community

“Kindness is more important than wisdom,
 and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom.”

-Theodore Isaac Rubin

SILENT PRAYER

We come with gladness and gratitude for the fullness of life you have given us. We praise the God of all wisdom, grace, love and justice who leads us to be the same. Amen.

INTROIT

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Welsh hymn, arr. Kirkby

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
 ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
 praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide and swift to bless:
 Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
 sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come in! Come in from house, from street.
 From train and highway, come!
 Many: **We come! From north and south and east and west, we come!**
 One: Come in! From hope, from despair
 From strength or weakness, come!
 Many: **We come! In the name of Christ who calls us, we come!**

One: Come in! Rolling or walking,
 The sighted, the blind.
 The mute and the talking,
 The rough, the refined.
 Many: **We come! To make a joyful noise to the Lord,
 To worship God with gladness.**
 One: Come in! Come into God’s presence with singing!
 Many: **We come! We are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.**
 One: Come in! Come to remember who you are.
 Many: **We come! To learn who we will be, we come.**
 One: Come, let us worship.
 Many: **We come! For God’s steadfast love is present and endures forever.**

***HYMN #220**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Song

Old 100th

***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

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON

The Way of Wisdom

Robert Brown

***HYMN (back page)**

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers, The Prayer 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

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness
Matt DiBattista - tenor

Antonín Dvořák
(1842-1904)

***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**

You are the Good Shepherd, who leads us through every shadowed valley and equips us for discipleship and service. We bring these gifts to celebrate the ministries of justice and hope in which you have called us. May the Spirit of Divine wisdom and revelation guide our path ahead. AMEN.

***HYMN #555**

Now Thank We All Our God
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Song*

Nun danket

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluia
Molly Callahan – soprano

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

*The congregation is invited to stand.

† **Go Forth and Serve** †

Leading Worship: Rev. Robert Brown, Acting Senior Minister; Victoria Wagner, Music Director; Betsy Swaim, Liturgist.

The flowers are given by Fred and Billie Kinch in gratitude for all the blessings they've received.