



**Trinitarian Congregational Church
 United Church of Christ
 Concord, Massachusetts
 January 21, 2018**

Celebrating Community

“Authority exercised with humility and obedience accepted with delight
 are the very lines along which our spirits live.

~ C.S. Lewis

SILENT PRAYER

Living God, through the abundance of your steadfast love, we enter your house and bow down in awe of you. Lead us, Lord, in your righteousness; make your way straight before us. Amen. (adapted from Psalm 5)

INTROIT

Woke Up This Morning

spiritual

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus calls us here to meet him through word and song and prayer.
 Many: **We affirm God’s promised presence where his people live and care.**
 One: Praise God who keeps promises; praise the Son who calls us friends.
 All: **Praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends!**

***HYMN #423**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

***INVOCATION**

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

***HYMN #302** (vv. 1 & 2)

I Danced in the Morning
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

(Children may leave for their Church School classes during the hymn.)

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Mark 1:21-28 (p. 35 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

Astounded by Authority

Jean Vandergrift

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

***HYMN #392** (vv. 1 & 4)

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers, and 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

Walk Together, Children

spiritual, arr. Steven Porter

***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** (unison)

God of grace,
 It is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you.
 All we are and all we have are yours alone.
 Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love:
 use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world. Amen.

***HYMN #420**

God of Grace and God of Glory
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

***BENEDICTION**

Voice 1: May God write a message upon your hearts,

Voice 2: bless and direct you,

Voice 1: then send you out,

Voice 2: living letters of the Word. Amen.

POSTLUDE

This Little Light

arr. Michael Hassell

*The congregation is invited to stand.

† Go Forth and Serve †

Leading Worship: Rev. Robert Brown, Acting Senior Minister; Rev. Dr. Jean Vandergrift, Interim Minister for Spiritual Development and Congregational Life; Victoria Wagner, Music Director; Peter Bruning, Member of Ministerial Search Committee, Liturgist.

EMERGE 2018 INFO SESSION
Today after Worship - Sanctuary

A great deal of information was shared in TriCon's January newsletter about the status of our Transition and what is coming this winter, including the proposed Vision and Priorities and a description of the Senior Minister Search Process going forward. You may have questions concerning the process and about how you can be prepared and participate in it.

Today Russell Sanna, Associate Moderator, Jane Turner-Michael, Transition Team Chair, and Prescott Stewart, Search Committee Chair, will facilitate this conversation in the sanctuary after the worship service. You are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE
Now Available

After careful preparation, the Congregational Profile, which will guide the Search Process for the Settled Senior Minister, is available to you for review and comment. You may access it on the church website **through January 26**. A few hard copies are available in the church reception office, and a copy of the background appendixes can also be reviewed there.

Please submit any comments *in writing* to Moderator Carol Antos at carolantos@gmail.com, or hand them in to the church office **by January 26**. Jane Turner Michael and Carol Antos will present the Profile and congregational comments to the Church Council on January 30.

