



**Trinitarian Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Concord, Massachusetts
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Celebrating Community

"True religion is always a deep intuition that we are already participating in something very good, in spite of our best efforts to deny it or avoid it. In fact, the best of modern theology is revealing a strong 'turn toward participation,' as opposed to religion as mere observation, affirmation, moralism, or group belonging. There is nothing to join, only something to recognize, suffer, and enjoy as a participant. You are already in the eternal flow that Christians would call the divine life of the Trinity."

-Richard Rohr

SILENT PRAYER

Lord God, the source of all good things,
we pause in your presence and hold our day before you.
Still us, calm us, guide us as we enter this day.

PRELUDE

Jesus Calls Us

W.H. Jude (1851-1922)
arr., Diemer

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP


One: Jesus calls us
to praise and prayer,
to song and silence;
Many: Jesus calls us to worship.

One: Jesus calls us
to hearing and healing,
to service and solidarity;
Many: Jesus calls us to love.

One: Jesus calls us
to advocacy and action,
to protest and provision;
Many: Jesus calls us to justice.

One: Let us heed the call of Christ.
All: Let us worship together with joy.

***HYMN #150**


Come, Christians, Join to Sing
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

***INVOCATION**

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

***HYMN #391** (verses 1 - 3)

Take My Life
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

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


PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING OF THE TRANSITION TEAM

One: God of all life, *alpha* and *omega*, beginnings and endings, we turn to You in gratitude for the faithful ministry of Cynthia, Charity, Nick, Andrew and Jane. We know that You have been with us every step of the journey that has been taken over the past year. We trust that You will be with us still as we take the steps that lie ahead, guided by the important work that they have prepared.

May all that has been said and done here blossom and flourish to bring Your will ever more fully realized here at TriCon and in our wider world.

All: **Thank you for the time, focus, and service given to us by Cynthia, Charity, Nick, Andrew and Jane. Bless them now as they move on to serve you in new ways, and bless us as we continue on together to follow You in the Way of Jesus. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN #391** (verses 4 - 6)

Take My Life
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*


READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Mark 1:14-20 (p. 35 in the pew Bible)

SERMON



Robert Brown

***HYMN #388**

O Jesus, I Have Promised
 *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

A Prayer

David Halls

Day by day, dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray.
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

St. Richard of Chichester

***Hymn of Praise**

Old Hundredth

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.


***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Holy God, we offer up our gifts

so that people weighted down by life's burdens
may be lifted up to new hope.

May there be justice for the oppressed and food for the hungry,
freedom for the enslaved and wholeness for the broken. Amen.

***HYMN #343**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Follow Me

17th C. English

Follow me forever, says the Lord.

*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; Loretta Filipov, Member of Ministerial Search Committee, Liturgist.

The flowers are given by Liz, Cheryl, Isabel, Matthew, David, and Helen Crowell in memory of their beloved son, brother, and grandson, James Alden Crowell.