



**Trinitarian Congregational Church  
 United Church of Christ  
 Concord, Massachusetts  
 February 11, 2018**

*Celebrating Community*

“I Am That I Am, You Are That You Are. We are the light of the world  
 saints and sinners, teachers and learners  
 the beloved and the reviled, revealed at last  
 in the magnificent splendor, in that magic moment  
 when seeing God in ourselves, we see God also in each other.  
 - Archibald MacLeish

**SILENT PRAYER**

In the midst of our darkness, Jesus brings holy light!  
 Pierce our darkness; scatter the shadows of doubt and fear!  
 O Lord, bring us your light.

**INTROIT** *Alleluia* Mark Schweizer

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord has called us here today.  
**Many: Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.**  
 One: Open our hearts to receive God’s good news.  
**Many: Lord, make us ready to serve you.**  
 One: Come, let us worship God!  
**Many: Let us sing alleluia to the Almighty One. AMEN.**

\*HYMN #229 From All That Dwell Below the Skies *Lasst uns erfreuen*  
*Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

\*INVOCATION

**OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**ANTHEM** *Halle-Halle-Hallelujah* Carribean  
 The Hosanna Singers

\*HYMN #443 (verses 1& 2) O Christ, the Great Foundation *Aurelia*  
*Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

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

**READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** Mark 9:2-9 (p. 44 in the pew Bible)

**SERMON** “This Is Us” Robert Brown

\*HYMN (insert) Transform Us *Picardy*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**\*A Statement of Faith**

This church acknowledges as its head Jesus Christ.  
 We acknowledge as sisters and brothers in Christ all who share this confession.  
 We look to the Word of God as revealed in the Scriptures,  
 and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.  
 We claim as our own the faith of the historic church  
 expressed in ancient Christian creeds  
 and in the basic insights of Protestant Reformers.  
 We affirm the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ  
 and recognize the responsibility of the church in each generation  
 to make the Christian faith its own.  
 We join in this confession in joy, in hope, and in gratitude  
 for all of God’s gracious gifts. Amen.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

## 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

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J. S. Bach

#### \*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)

We offer our gifts to you, our God, with grateful hearts.  
Thank you for meeting our needs on the journey.  
Trusting you, we share what we have with others,  
and we do this together with joy, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(If you are not attending the annual meeting you may depart during the closing hymn.)

#### \*HYMN (insert)

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

*Hyfrydol*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*All Glory Be to God On High*

J. S. Bach

\*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; Holly Darzen, Liturgist.

**The flowers** are given by the Watson family in loving memory and celebration of the life of Pat Watson.

**It is a joy** to have a rose on the communion table honoring the birth of Josephine Elizabeth Holst born on January 27th to Elizabeth and Kevin Holst and big sisters, Emily and Molly.

## WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Chad and Krissy Tyson** moved home to Concord from London twelve years ago. Since then they have added Charley (12), Jack (10), their dog, Churchill (6) and Milly (4) to their household. Chad and Krissy are both lawyers – but likeable, nonetheless. Chad works in corporate finance law and Krissy has her own firm specializing in indigent criminal defense. Charley loves soccer, lacrosse and art. Jack loves swimming, lacrosse and building with legos. Milly plays soccer, dances ballet, and loves to wear fancy dresses. Their favorite things to do as a family are hiking, fishing and skiing.

**Betsey Wood** moved to Concord in 1976. She taught math at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School until her retirement. She has served on several town boards and has volunteered as a facilitator in Communities for Restorative Justice for twelve years. She enjoys travel, yoga, knitting and writing.

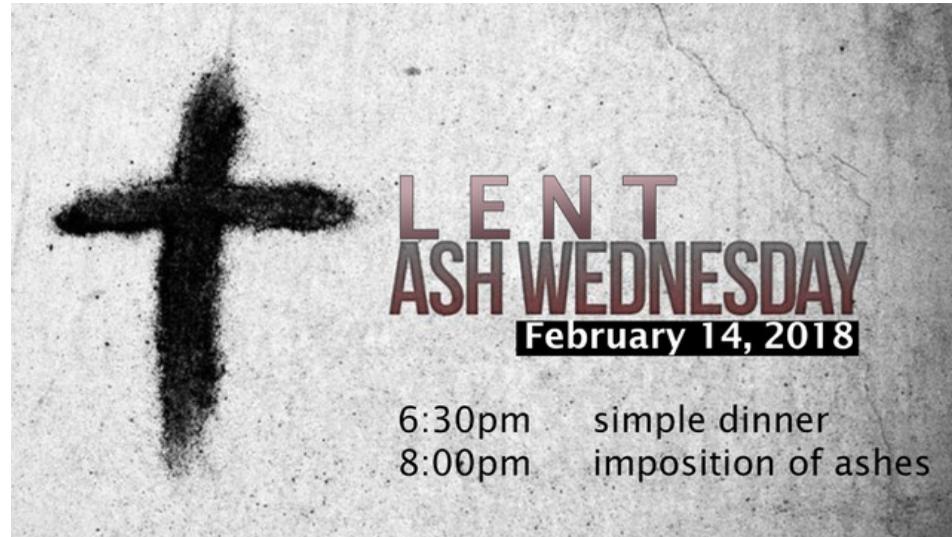
## Lenten 2018 Small Groups: Tending the Garden of Relationships



A 5-part Lenten series examining how we view our relationships with one another and with God through the lens of scripture, the teachings of Jesus, and our own experience.

Starting the week of 2/19/18. We are offering day time and evening groups.

Sign up online at [triconchurch.org](http://triconchurch.org), in the parish hall or call the church office.



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER**

**Everyone** is invited  
to our **Ash Wednesday**  
**ALL Church Lent Kick-off SUPPER**

on 2/14/18 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall  
(whether you sign up for a small group or not).

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