



**Trinitarian Congregational Church
 United Church of Christ
 Concord, Massachusetts
 March 18, 2018**

Celebrating Community

"You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope."
 -Thomas Merton

SILENT PRAYER

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence,
 and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.
 Psalm 51:10-12

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES *Little Partita for Lent* James Woodman (b. 1957)

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy One, dwell within us this morning.
 Whisper in our ears;
 Glimmer in our vision;
 Write upon our hearts.
 Many: **We wait with**
 open ears,
 open eyes,
 open hearts.
 Amen.

*HYMN #316 Breathe On Me, Breath of God *Trentham*
 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

*INVOCATION

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*HYMN #298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy *In Babilone*
 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs
 (Children may leave for their Church School classes after the first verse.)

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p. 735 in the pew Bible)

SERMON The Divine Indwelling Robert Brown

*HYMN Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart *St. Anne*

Blest are the uncorrupt in heart, whose ways are right and true,
 Who never from Your law depart but ever fly to You.

 Blest are all those who keep Your word and practice Your commands,
 Who with their hearts still see You, Lord, and serve You with their hands.

 Great hope we find within Your law; thus firm our lives are bound.
 When trials, troubles, hurts arise, in You true life is found.

 Then do we sing with deepest joy the honor of Your name,
 For when Your statutes we obey, our lives are kept from shame.

 To you, O God of truth and law, to You, O living Word,
 To you, O Comforter of life, may now our praise be heard.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Kyrie

Choir: Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy) **All: Kyrie eleison**
Choir: Christe eleison (Christ, have mercy) **All: Christe eleison**
Choir: Kyrie eleison **All: Kyrie eleison**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastoral Prayer

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

Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow Thomas Clarke (1775-1859)
Blow ye the trumpet, blow; the gladly solemn sound;
Let all the nations know, to earth's remotest bound:
The year of jubilee is come; Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home.

Extol the Lamb of God, the all-atoning Lamb;
Redemption through his blood throughout the world proclaim:
The year of jubilee is come; Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home.

The gospel trumpet hear, the news of heav'nly grace;
And sav'd from earth, appear before your Savior's face.
The year of jubilee is come; Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home.

*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,
so that people who are bowed 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 all Your beloved people.
We pray that this offering will strengthen and sustain our ministry
of relentless hope through service and mission. Amen.

*HYMN #379

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less *Solid Rock*
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Choral Prelude on 'St. Anne' Heinrich Fleischer
(1912-2006)

*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; Allene Kussin, Liturgist.

The altar flowers are given by Janet and Bob Lawson in loving memory of Janet's parents, Frederick and Roberta Keydel.