



**Trinitarian Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Concord, Massachusetts
March 4, 2018**

Celebrating Community

“We should challenge the relativism that tells us there is no right or wrong,
when every instinct of our mind knows it is not so,
and is a mere excuse to allow us to indulge in what we believe we can get away with.
A world without values quickly becomes a world without value.”
Jonathan Sacks

SILENT PRAYER

God of great and extravagant abundance,
From whose hands flow all the blessings of our lives.
Give us open and generous hearts,
So that your blessings may flow
From our hands to those in need.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God’s creative power!
All: **Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.**

One: God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.
All: **In these commandments,
God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.**

One: Rejoice in the goodness of God.
All: **Praise God for God’s complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.**

*HYMN #138 Holy, Holy, Holy *Nicea*
 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

*INVOCATION

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 66 in the pew Bible)

SERMON Top Ten Sermon List Robert Brown

*HYMN #438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds *Dennis*
 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

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 *Wondrous Love* from *Southern Harmony*, 1835

*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 and generous God, we offer our gifts to you, with grateful hearts. Thank you that you meet our needs on the journey, providing what we need when we need it. Trusting you, we share what we have with others, and we do this joyfully, together, today, in the Way of Jesus, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Sanctus

Sharing of the Bread and Cup


The bread will be taken individually as it is received.
Gluten free bread is available on the communion trays.
The cup will be taken in unison after all have been served.

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God of all goodness,
we give you thanks and praise
for guiding us along the path of righteousness.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
may we who drink his cup bring life to others;
may we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

All: **Keep us in the hope that we eagerly follow;
so that we and all people shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

*HYMN #536

Lord, Make Us More Holy
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

How Very Good and Pleasant

19th c. English melody,
arr. Clarke

*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; Suzanne Giles, Liturgist.