



**Trinitarian Congregational Church  
 United Church of Christ  
 Concord, Massachusetts  
 Easter Sunday  
 April 1, 2018**

"It's the very nature of wonder to catch us off guard, to circumvent expectations and assumptions.  
 Wonder can't be packaged, and it can't be worked up.  
 It requires some sense of being there and some sense of engagement."  
 -Eugene Peterson

**SILENT PRAYER**

I come to worship this morning  
 prepared to behold resurrection  
 and imagine the world  
 through new eyes  
 made for wonder.

**PRELUDE** *Andante (Sonata in E Minor)* J. S. Bach  
 Emily G. Roos, flutist

**THE RESURRECTION STORY**

**INTROIT** *A Quiet Alleluia* Kenton Coe

**INVOCATION**

**WORDS OF WELCOME; OUR MINISTRY AND MISSION**

**RELEASING THE ALLELUIAS**

**\*HYMN #123** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Easter Hymn  
*Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
 All: **Christ is risen indeed!**  
 One: Welcome to God's new day.  
 All: **Everywhere we look we see new life.**  
 One: Joy is alive. Redemption is here.  
 All: **Love is alive. Death can never be the last word.**  
 One: Christ is present among us today saying, "Be not afraid."  
 All: **Christ is risen. We are not alone. Alleluia!**

**ANTHEM** *The Seven Joys of Mary* English carol, arr. King

**READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** Mark 16:1-8 (p. 54 in the pew Bible)

**SERMON** *The Astonishing Wonder* Robert Brown

**\*HYMN #108** (verses 1-3) *Christ Is Alive!* *Truro*  
*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** Our Easter offering will be donated to *The Greater Boston Food Bank*

**Offertory** *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* English, arr. Shephard

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love did so chance  
 To see the legend of my play, to call my true love to the dance.  
*Sing, O my love, my love, my love! This have I done for my true love.*

For thirty pence Judas me sold: his covetousness for to advance.  
 Mark whom I kiss, the same behold! The same is he shall lead the dance. *Sing, O my love...*

Before Pilate Judas the Jews me brought, where Barabbas had deliverance;  
 They scourged me and set me at naught, judged me to die to lead the dance. *Sing, O my love...*

Then on the cross hanged I was, when a spear my heart did glance;  
 There issued forth both water and blood, to call my true love to my dance. *Sing, O my love...*

Then up to heaven I did ascend, where now I dwell in sure substance  
 On the right hand of God, that man may come, come with me and join my dance. *Sing, O my love...*

**\*Hymn of Praise**


*Lasst Uns Eerfreuen*

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung,  
Through every land, in every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Generous God, we bring our offerings and our whole being to you.  
With this prayer, we dedicate all of the ordinary things  
that, through you, are transformed  
into astonishing wonder.  
May those who are hungry, be fed through our gifts.  
May your love flow through every deed we do  
so that your resurrection is made real in us. Amen.

**\*HYMN #115**

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain  
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

*St. Kevin*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Giga (Sonata in F Major)*  
Emily G. Roos, flutist

Handel

\*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; Polly Vanasse, 9:00 a.m. Liturgist; Marcia Macres 11:00 a.m. Liturgist.

The Choir:

Soprano: Laurel Baumer, Kathy Bentley, Mary Lou Esposito, Marie Sciaraffa, Betsy Swaim  
Alto: Pat Bentley, Posy Dyer, Laura Gouillart, Emily Roos, Micki Van Horn, Claire Wilcox  
Tenor: Rob Bryant, Matt DiBattista, Earl Van Horn, Fred Williams  
Bass: Rob Ayres, Rich Eckel, Jay Gregory, Craig Leckband, Chuck Stevenson

**The rose** on the Communion table is in celebration of the March 6<sup>th</sup> birth of Samuel Bret Frederickson, son of Brita (Bero) and Seth Frederickson and big sister, Elin. Delighted great grandparents are Burke and Jo Bero.