



**Trinitarian Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Concord, Massachusetts
April 8, 2018**

Celebrating Community

“The Risen One has people to see and things to do.
The Living One’s business was among the living...
Every time he came to his friends, they became stronger, wiser, kinder, more daring.
Every time he came to them, they became more like him.”
- Barbara Brown Taylor

SILENT PRAYER

God of Easter,
Grant that we may share the divine life
of the One who came to share our humanity,
experiencing Jesus Christ every day. Amen.

PRELUDE *Crown Him With Many Crowns* Emma Lou Diemer

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 111)

One: Praise the Lord! Alleluia!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright,
in the midst of the congregation.

Many: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them!

One: Full of honor and majesty is the work of our God,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**Many: The Lord is gracious and merciful;
He provides food for his children,
ever mindful of the covenant.**

One: God sent the Son to redeem his people,
raising him from death to Glorious Life!

Many: Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord God!

***HYMN #151** (verses 1, 2, 3) *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *Diademata*
 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

***INVOCATION**

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

ANTHEM *Doubting Thomas* 15th c. French, arr. Mark Schweizer

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of Heaven, the glorious King
O'er death and hell rose triumphing. Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia.

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee.
Not faithless, but believing be. Alleluia.

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side,
"Thou art my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia.

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES John 20:19-31 (p. 115 in the pew Bible)

SERMON *Believing for Real Life* Jean Vandergrift

***HYMN #361** (verses 1 & 2) *How Firm a Foundation* *Foundation*
 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND 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

Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth
Matt DiBattista, tenor

Felix Mendelssohn

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.
Joy on their head shall be everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

***Hymn of Praise**


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!

Lasst Uns Eerfreuen

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

O God, use our offerings of money, time, and talents
to enliven your church,
to enhearten a world prone to discouragement,
to enable a spreading of the love of Christ.
May all our gifts and our giving be acceptable in your sight
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn 503 (seated – verses 1 & 2) Come, Risen Lord
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

Sursum Corda

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

***HYMN #122**

Thine is the Glory
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

Judas Maccabeus

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

John Stanley

*The congregation is invited to stand.

† **Go Forth and Serve** †

Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Jean Vandergrift, Interim Minister for Spiritual Development and Congregational Life; Victoria Wagner, Music Director; Lindsay Boger, Liturgist.

The flowers are given by Judy Walpole and her family in loving memory of Jim.