



**Trinitarian Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**Concord, Massachusetts**  
**May 20, 2018**

*Celebrating Community*

"I think that the world will not be converted to the heavenly hope of Christianity  
 if first Christianity does not convert itself to the hope of the world."  
 -Teilhard de Chardin

**SILENT PRAYER**

God of promise and hope, on this Memorial Day Sunday we thank you for the assurance of  
 resurrection and new life, in this world and the next. Fill us with understanding, awe and  
 wonder in your presence.

**PRELUDE** *Récit de Nazard* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 29)

One: The voice of our God is heard in blessing!  
 It echoes with majestic power over all creation.  
**All: We come to worship our God,  
 and to celebrate the Mystery and Reality that is God's everlasting glory.**

One: The voice of God is heard in all creation –  
 and it responds with joy to the voice of its Creator, Sustainer and Renewer.  
**All: We come to worship our God,  
 and to celebrate God's power and generosity  
 towards all creation and all peoples.**

One: We come to worship our God,  
 and to celebrate the way we are welcomed into God's glorious presence.  
**All: The voice of our Holy God is heard in the sacred spaces,  
 and God's grace is received as we worship. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #138** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty *Nicaea*  
*Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

**\*INVOCATION**

**OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** John 3:1-17 (p. 93 in the pew Bible)

**SERMON** *Yanni or Laurel?* Robert Brown

**\*HYMN #306** Fairest Lord Jesus *Crusaders' Hymn*  
*Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer 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** *Basse et Dessus de Trompette* Clérambault

**\*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)

Giving God,  
 as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love,  
 you bless us from generation to generation  
 with the new life of Easter faith.  
 All that we have and all that we are come from you,  
 so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed,  
 for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN #386

O for a World  
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

*Azmon*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Caprice sur les grands Jeux*

Clérambault

\*The congregation is invited to stand.

**† Go Forth and Serve †**

**Leading Worship:** Rev. Robert Brown, Acting Senior Minister; Lee Ridgway, Guest Organist;  
Mary Jane Knudson, Liturgist.