



**Trinitarian Congregational Church**  
*United Church of Christ*  
**Concord, Massachusetts**  
**May 6, 2018**

*Celebrating Community*

"We are leaves of one branch, the drops of one sea, the flowers of one garden."  
 -Jean Baptiste Lacordaire

**SILENT PRAYER**

As we come together to worship you, our God who *is* Love, fill us with compassion, show us the way of true love, and let us risk trusting that you do abide with us. Amen

**PRELUDE** *Little Partita for Easter* James Woodman

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.  
**Many: God's love is poured in us from our birth.**  
 One: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.  
**Many: God's love is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.**  
 One: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.  
**Many: In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made known. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN #398** There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit  
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

**\*INVOCATION**

**OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Silent and Pastoral Prayer**  
**Choral Response**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

**Call to Stewardship**

**Offertory**

*With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

**\*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**


**READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** John 15:9-17 (p. 109 in the pew Bible)

**SERMON**

*Love One Another*

Robert Brown

**\*HYMN #335**

Though I May Speak  
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**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.

**Communion Prayer**

**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** (responsive)

One: Source of life, and breath, and being,  
Breathe into the dry dust of our existence.  
We are nourished in body by bread and juice.


**Many: May we now work to nourish all bodies.**

One: Strengthened in Spirit and bound together as one,

**Many: May we now develop the inclusion of all:  
Shattering the walls that divide us,  
From one another and from you.**

One: In the Love that sustains us, and the Spirit that animates us,  
We give all thanks and honor to you,  
Our Sustainer and Redeemer of all. Amen.

\*HYMN #368

I've Got Peace Like a River  
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

A SPECIAL APPRECIATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Little Partita for Easter*

James Woodman

\*The congregation is invited to stand.

† Go Forth and Serve †

**Leading Worship:** Rev. Robert Brown, Acting Senior Minister; Victoria Wagner, Music Director;  
Rick Olney, Liturgist.