



**Trinitarian Congregational Church
 United Church of Christ
 Concord, Massachusetts
 June 17, 2018**

Celebrating Community

SILENT PRAYER

Lord, when I feel that what I'm doing is insignificant and unimportant, help me to remember that everything I do is significant and important in your eyes, because you love me and you put me here, and no one else can do what I am doing in exactly the way I do it.
 - Brennan Manning

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: This is a day of new beginnings!
All: This is a time to nurture community as disciples of Jesus.

One: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship
All: Let us honor our God in worship, service and mission. Amen!

*HYMN #473 For the Beauty of the Earth *Dix*
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

***INVOCATION**

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cameron John Botelho

Theodore George Kouri

Amelia Jane Waterson

The Litany of Baptism (responsively)

Rev. Brown: We are gathered to present these young children to the church and to dedicate them to God. What can we affirm about them?

People: They are children of God, made in the image of God.

Rev. Vandergrift: As they grow among us, how will they know that they are children of God, made in God's image?

People: We will give them our love and include them in the life and ministry of this congregation.

Rev. Brown: And what, in turn, will we expect of them?

People: We look forward to sitting with them at the Lord's Table, sharing the ways of Jesus, learning and growing with them in our faith.

Rev. Vandergrift: As parents, and Godparents, will you as family to one another accept your primary responsibility for growing with these young ones in the Christian faith, helping them to become faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, and will you offer them the nurture and support of the Christian church?

Parents and Godparents: We will with the help of God.

Deacon: And do you, Trinitarian Congregational Church, pledge to work toward creating and maintaining a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for these children?

People: We do, for they belong to us as well.

Rev. Brown: Then, may God be with us.

All: God help us. Amen.

The Prayer and Rite of Baptism

A Blessing

*HYMN #498 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise *Kingdom*
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Mark 4:26-34 (p. 38 in the pew Bible)

SERMON *Seeds of Subversion* Robert Brown

*HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer, Silent 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

*Hymn of Praise

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.

Old Hundredth

*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 #464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

Hymn to Joy

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The congregation is invited to stand.

† Go Forth and Serve †

Leading Worship: Rev. Robert Brown, Senior Minister; Rev. Dr. Jean Vandergrift, Interim Minister for Spiritual Development and Congregational Life; Victoria Wagner, Music Director; Barbara Lynch, Liturgist.

The flowers are given by Benvenuti family.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS