



Trinitarian Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Concord, Massachusetts
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“Happy are those strong and passionate men and women who have been tamed by God to use their power gently.”

-- Robert Meyers

SILENT PRAYER

Abiding God, from classroom and kitchen and carpool, you have called us into your presence. Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, soft-spoken and outspoken, we hear our names being called to join in worship. Help us follow your voice, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Be still, and know that God is.

All: **God was, as well, in the beginning.**

One: And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

All: **From everlasting to everlasting.**

One: God is God and is alone worthy to be worshiped.

All: **Let us sing praise to our Creator!**

***INVOCATION**

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 5:1-12 (responsively with chant)

SERMON

“If We Want to Inherit”

Jean Vandergrift

***HYMN** (insert - verses 1 & 4)

Spirit

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Everyone is invited to offer a joy or concern out loud.
Following your request please end with...

One: This is MY prayer.

Many: **This is OUR 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

***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)

God, in your gentleness, wean us from the enemy within ourselves, that we may offer these gifts with joy and thanksgiving. Forgive us, too, for not doing anything because we cannot do everything, and grant us the grace and courage to take the first steps to follow these offerings with appropriate action. With Christ we pray, Amen.

***HYMN** (insert)

This is My Song

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*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; Betsey Wood, Liturgist.