

\*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



Trinitarian Congregational Church  
*United Church of Christ*  
Concord, Massachusetts  
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“Blessed are those who have an emptiness that God can fill.”  
-J.B. Caird

**SILENT PRAYER**

Spirit of the Living God, still my restless mind, quiet my anxious heart, empty me of all desire except to be filled only in the fullness of your peace and presence, here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: People of God, what does the Lord require of us?

**All: To do justice;**

One: ‘Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.’

**All: To love kindness;**

One: ‘Blessed are the meek and humble,  
For they will inherit the earth.’

**All: To walk humbly with our God;**

One: ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
For they will be filled.’

**All: We come to learn, to praise, to pray;**

One: We come to worship our God.

**\*INVOCATION**

**OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

Matthew 5:1-12 (responsively with chant)

**SERMON**

“The Blessing of Emptiness??!!”

Robert Brown

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

**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.

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For the Bread Which You Have Broken

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Invitation**

**Communion Prayer**

**Sanctus**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
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**Sharing of the Bread and Cup - Communion by Intinction**

All are welcome to come forward to the center to receive a piece of bread to dip it in the chalice. If you wish to receive communion in your seat, raise your hand and Rev. Vandergrift will serve you.

**Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving** (responsive)

One: For the bread that we have eaten  
For the cup that we have tasted  
For the life that you have given;

**All: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
We praise you.**

One: For the life of Christ within us  
Turning all our fears to freedom  
Helping us to live for others;

**All: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
We praise you.**

One: For the strength of Christ to lead us  
In our living and our dying,  
In the end with all your people

**All: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
We praise you.**

**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; Jan Hall, Liturgist.