



**Trinitarian Congregational Church
 United Church of Christ
 Concord, Massachusetts
 September 16, 2018**

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
 the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
 With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled.
 To God all praise and glory!

-- Johann Jacob Schutz

SILENT PRAYER

O Christ, you are within each of us. It is not just the interior of these walls; it is our own inner being you have renewed. We are your temple not made with hands. We are your body at worship. Amen.

INTROIT

Rejoice in the Lord Always anonymous
 Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. (St. Paul)

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 100)

Choir: Sing for joy. Sing thanks and bless God's name.
 One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
**All: Serve the Lord with gladness;
 Come into God's presence with singing.**
 One: Know that the Lord is God.
 It is God who made us, to whom we belong;
All: We are God's people, and the sheep of the Good Shepherd.
 Choir: Sing for joy. Sing thanks and bless God's name.
 One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and these courts with praise.
 Give thanks and bless God's name.
**All: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and
 God's faithfulness to all generations.**

***HYMN #482**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

Lobe den Herren

***INVOCATION**

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE Dedication of Backpacks and School Supplies

***HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
 Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love,
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
 (Folliott Sandford Pierpont, 1864)

(Children may leave for their Children's Ministry classes after the first verse.)

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 118:19-24 & Philippians 4:4-5 (pp. 565 and 198 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"Vibrant Worship: Even When You Don't Feel Like It"

Jean Vandergrift

***HYMN #368**

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

African-American Spiritual

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent and Pastoral 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

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

Halleluyah! Sing to *Adonai* a new song and sing praise in the assembly of the *kedoshim*.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker. Let the children of Zion be glad in their King. (Psalm 149)

*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)

Great God of Blessing, send these gifts on your errands of love, and us with them in joy!
Amen.

*HYMN #155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lobe den Herren

Hans Friedrich Micheelson (1902-1973)

*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; Prescott Stewart, Search Committee Member, Liturgist.

The flowers are given by Lori, Bruce and Carter Hack in celebration of Lori and Bruce's wedding anniversary on September 9th and in memory of Lori's mother, Grace Livermore, who would have celebrated her 87th birthday on September 15th.

Al Filipov
peace & justice
FORUM

Sunday, September 16 - 4:30 p.m.

The 2018 Al Filipov Peace & Justice Forum presents

UTEC: Breaking barriers to youth success

UTEC works with young adults ages 17 – 25 from Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill who have histories of incarceration or serious criminal activity. UTEC's mission and promise is to ignite and nurture the ambition of proven-risk young people to trade violence and poverty for social and economic success. Participants build core competencies through social enterprises, blended education and intensive supports. When young adults succeed, the community sees the greatest positive impact on public safety, public health, and economic development.

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