

WELCOME



Trinitarian
Congregational
Church

1826

*No matter who you are or
where you are on life's journey,*

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

The United Church of Christ

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Nurture and Discovery



Welcome to Trinitarian Congregational Church in the heart of historic Concord, Massachusetts, a vibrant ecumenical community of faith in the tradition of the United Church of Christ, where we have been witnessing to the truth of our faith through worship, education, compassionate care and commitment to justice and peace since 1826.

We are deeply committed to nurturing community where people of all ages and persuasions in life can find a place and where lives, our own and others, are transformed.

We hope you will sense the wonderful dynamic and strength of spirit at work in our congregation and find in our midst a wellspring of hope and promise.

Thank you for your interest. The following pages will give you a brief glimpse into our current activities and ministries.

In faith and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Brown". The script is fluid and cursive.

Rev. Bob Brown
Senior Minister

Trinitarian Congregational Church *welcomes you!*

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, are called by God to live as one community. We strive to love, as we are loved by God, both freely and unconditionally. We recognize, celebrate, and affirm the full humanity of all individuals, with our God-given diversity.

Therefore, we intentionally welcome individuals of any ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, and sexual orientation into full fellowship and participation in the life of the church.

We strive with the help of the Holy Spirit to become more like Jesus in our love and support for one another, in order to oppose and overcome any injustice, oppression, and prejudice that continues in our society, our communities and ourselves.

An ecumenical community of faith in the tradition of The United Church of Christ.

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION



*"Welcome each other,
in the same way that
Christ also welcomed
you, for God's glory."*

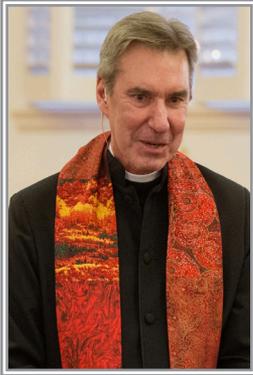
– Romans 15:7



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are members of the Body of Christ living in faithful covenant with God and one another. We are called:

- *To honor God through worship;*
- *To be a safe place of Christian fellowship to seek, learn and grow;*
- *To recognize and support one another's unique gifts;*
- *To reflect God's love through service and commitment to our church, our community and the world;*
- *To actively to pursue Christ's vision of peace and justice.*



WORSHIP

Our Sunday worship services are held at 10:00 am. Worship times may vary during Advent and Lent.

Children's Ministry provides classes and activities throughout most of the school year for children in nursery through 8th grade.

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month. There are several opportunities for Baptism throughout the year, during the Sunday worship service.

Christmas Eve services are at 4:00, 5:30, 8:00 and 11:00 pm. Special services are also scheduled Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

MUSIC

Our **adult choir** sings for the 10:00 am worship services during the school year. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings from late September to May.

The **Hosanna Singers**, our children's choir, sings at various times throughout the year. The **Occasional Generational Choir (OMG)** involves singers of all ages.

Musical offerings include traditional sacred choral works as well as gospel, jazz, folk and contemporary styles with instrumentalists joining the choir on occasion.



ADULT EDUCATION

Regular adult education opportunities include Lenten and Advent small groups, forums, films, book discussions and other spiritual enrichment opportunities. The **Women of Spirit** offers two groups, on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings from September to June. The **Men's Anchor Group** meets on the first and third Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am for discussion, connection and community.

FELLOWSHIP

We offer a variety of fellowship events, starting with our fall brunch and culminating in a June BBQ. The **Knit-Wits** gather monthly to work on various craft projects from prayer shawls to hats for newborns. Other programs include pot-lucks, movie nights, our popular annual party for those 80 and over, a Christmas children's story hour, and seasonal/occasional teas.

THE CARING CONNECTION

The Caring Connection provides practical assistance and spiritual support to those in our midst who are in need. Supplementing the pastoral care offered by our ministers, volunteers provide visits to shut-ins and those convalescing; meals to those recuperating and their families; support and assistance in times of bereavement; transportation to doctor's appointments and to church; and other types of help, as needed.

MISSION AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

Mission and concern over issues of justice and fairness are a major focus for our congregation. In addition to generous support of many local, area-wide, national and international service providers, we offer hands-on assistance through such endeavors as CropWalk, the Concord Prison Ministry, and collections of food, clothing and school supplies for needy families.



Our annual Antiques Show involves commitment from our entire congregation and all proceeds are devoted to outreach recipients.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery and toddler care is provided each Sunday. Classes for older pre-school and kindergarten children are held September through early June.

Children in 1st-8th grade typically attend the first part of the 10:00 am worship service with their families and then leave for their children's ministry program. Parents and other adults in the church provide the leadership for our young people's Christian Education program. In addition to their Bible-based learning experiences, the children participate in service projects for causes such as UNICEF, Open Table, and City Mission Society.

5TH-8TH GRADERS

In addition to their Sunday morning program, the **Voyagers** (5th & 6th graders) meet several times a year for special projects and fellowship. The lively **SEEKERS** (7th & 8th graders) get together for outreach projects and fellowship events, including a weekend mission trip.

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation class is offered every other year for high-school freshmen and sophomores. It is a mentor-based program, where adults in the congregation volunteer to get to know and establish a relationship with a confirmand and participate with the class in various activities over the year.

YOUTH DISCUSSION

The Wednesday evening **youth Discussion Group** provides a opportunity for safe, confidential discussion on a wide variety of topics from current events to issues and situations relevant to this age group.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

The **Senior High Youth Group** meets on Sundays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm for fellowship activities.

MISSION TRIP

Senior Highschoolers may participate in the annual **Mission Trip**. Past trips have been to Jamaica, Miami, San Antonio, the Gulf Coast, Kentucky, New Mexico, West Virginia, Puerto Rico, Arizona, Texas, and California to work on projects for those in need due to poverty or natural disaster.



CHURCH STAFF

Our regular office hours are 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday during the school year;
9:00 am – 1:00 pm during the summer.

Please call (978) 369-4837 if we can answer any questions or be of assistance to you.

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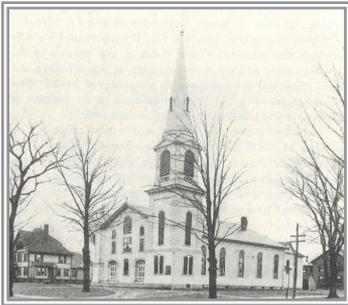
A BRIEF HISTORY

Our church has its roots in the first church established in Concord by the earliest settlers in 1636. In 1826 a small group, dissatisfied over the “leaving out of the Trinity”, left First Church and “crossed the brook” to form the Second Congregational Society and the First Calvinistic Religious Society. Established as the Trinitarian Congregational Church by an ecclesiastical council on June 5, 1826, the group accepted a gift of land from Ebenezer Hubbard, and built the first meetinghouse on this site.



Church in 1826

In 1884, a manse was erected on the south side of the property, where the open lawn currently exists. Our church building was renovated in 1898 to a Victorian structure with stained glass windows and dual steeples. In 1924, a disastrous fire destroyed the church and the current structure was built and dedicated in 1926. The extensive church school wing, now home to our own Sunday school classes and to a weekday pre-school, was added in 1956 and the manse was removed shortly thereafter. In 2000-2001, another major renovation provided us with an updated and spacious facility to accommodate the many functions and activities of our busy parish.



Church in 1898

Mission and social concerns have long been areas of great importance to our congregation. The early records mention numerous missionary societies providing in various ways for the poor and needy. In 1836, the church took a strong stance against slavery and members were very active in offering assistance to escaped slaves. Today, we continue the tradition of compassionate concern through our commitment of significant tangible resources to a host of mission and outreach projects as well as our ongoing emphasis on hands-on service projects.

We belong to the United Church of Christ, a union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches, which acknowledges as its sole head, Jesus Christ. Democratic in government, the local church, while autonomous and responsible for its own life, ministry and mission, honors faithfully the denominational and ecumenical covenants with the wider Christian Church.

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