



Trinitarian Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Concord, Massachusetts
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Nurturing Community

“Remember that the greatest perils to the planet arise not from the poor and ignorant for whom education is an answer; they are caused by the well-educated for whom self-interest is the problem.”
- William Sloan Coffin

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit,
but in humility consider others better than yourselves.
Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.
- Philippians 2:3-4

A FRANCISCAN PRAYER

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths,
and superficial relationships,
so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears
to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war,
so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in this world,
so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

PRELUDE *My Lord, What a Morning* Richard Billingham (b. 1934)

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader One: Brothers and sisters, boys and girls—
come and worship!
Reader Two: Even if you’re tired and worn out --
Reader 1 & 2: come and worship!
Reader One: Lay down the heavy things you are carrying—
Women: come and worship!
Reader Two: Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you—
Men: come and worship!
Reader One: See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you—
All: come let us worship!
Reader Two: For Jesus is humble and gentle,
Reader One: and he will give us everything we need to follow him.

***HYMN #473** (verses 1 & 4) *For the Beauty of the Earth*
 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

***INVOCATION**

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES James 2:1-5, 14-18 (p. 229 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

Jeanine Calabria

***HYMN #372** (verses 1 & 2) *Lord, I Want to be a Christian*
 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT 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

Andrew Thut

Offertory

Poor Man Laz'rus

Jester Hairston (1901-2000)

Poor man Laz'rus sick and disabled, Dip your finger in the water,
come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame.
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table. Dip your finger...

Rich man Divies he lived so well. Dip your finger...
And when he died he went straight to hell, Dip your finger...

I love to shout, I love to sing. Dip your finger...
I love to praise my heavenly King. Dip your finger...

*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 (responsive)

One: We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth
and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied,
and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil,
now is always the time when more good can be done
and we can make a difference.

All: **May it be so,
through the offering of these gifts
and the offering of our lives. Amen.**

*HYMN #386 (verses. 1-4)

O For A World

 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace (Organ Sonata No. 2)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*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; Jeanine Calabria, Guest Preacher; Lee Ridgway, Guest Organist; the Huettig, Feigh, Liazos-Coffey and Lynch Families, Worship Participants.

The flowers are given by Amanda, Walter, Lucas and Wyatt Hickman in celebration of the life of their beloved mother and grandmother, Miriam Young.

The rose on the Communion table is in celebration of the October 16 birth of Lillian Grace, daughter of Ben and Carolyn DeMott and granddaughter of Jim and Robin DeMott.