



Trinitarian Congregational Church
 United Church of Christ
 Concord, Massachusetts
 September 30, 2018

“We must turn the compass point of the heart back again to where God waits for us, arms open, full of mercy, made of love, to be our own best selves—not for our own sake alone but for the sake of the rest of the world.”

- Joan Chittister

SILENT PRAYER

Loving God, I enter into your Holy Presence, craving to be filled with joy and restored in your love. AMEN.

INTROIT

Alleluia

Mark Schweizer

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 (p. 4)

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Llanfair

*INVOCATION

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Acts 2:42-47 (p. 120 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

VIBRANT WORSHIP: An Extravagant Love

Robert Brown

*HYMN (p. 5)

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

Diademata

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

INTRODUCTIONS

John Igoe

Ruthanne Igoe

Andrea Kakas

Edward Kakas

Ghilaine Marino

Stephanie Marino

Victoria Wagner

COVENANT PROMISES

*A Statement of Faith

This church acknowledges as its head Jesus Christ.

We acknowledge as sisters and brothers in Christ all who share this confession.

We look to the Word of God as revealed in the Scriptures,

and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

We claim as our own the faith of the historic church

expressed in ancient Christian creeds

and in the basic insights of Protestant Reformers.

We affirm the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ

and recognize the responsibility of the church in each generation to make the Christian faith its own.

We join in this confession in joy, in hope, and in gratitude for all of God’s gracious gifts. Amen.

THE CONGREGATION’S PROMISE OF SUPPORT

CHORAL RESPONSE

Sing Amen

South African

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

Simple Song
Matthew DiBattista, tenor

Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)

*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 (in unison)

We offer up our gifts
so that people who are bowed down by life's burdens
may be lifted up to new hope.
May there be justice for the oppressed
and food for the hungry, freedom for the enslaved
and wholeness for those who are broken and suffering.
We pray that all we share will strengthen our ministry to one another
and to all creation. Amen.

*HYMN #420 (verses 1 & 4)

God of Grace and God of Glory
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

Cwm Rhondda

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Cwm Rhondda

J. Bert Carlson

*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; Jeff Campbell, Liturgist.

The flowers are given by the Kamionek family in honor of all those currently battling cancer and those who have conquered cancer. In memory of all those we have loved and lost to cancer. In honor of all the high school soccer players who participated in the soccer fundraiser 'Kicks for Cancer' on 9/29.

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME 

Walk. Give. Cheer.

Sunday October 21

Join TEAM TRICON ... whether you are a Walker, a Donor, or a Cheerleader!
Come to TriCon at 1:30, bring your HATs**, and
walk en masse to First Parish, representing our
church as we bring awareness to ending Hunger.
Walk the route, or wave as they go!



Support the TRICON TEAM as a WALKER and/or a
DONOR at:

www.crophungerwalk.org/concordma/Team/View/85308/TriCon-Church

**Meet at TriCon at 1:30 to walk over to First Parish
together, wearing our NEW TriCon FAITH SERVICE
MISSION HATS!****

The 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ mile CROP Walk route starts and ends at First Parish.
The Walk goes through the historic National Park, across the North Bridge.
It takes about one hour to walk. Pets on leashes welcome.

**As we move forward living out our Vision Statement, we have TriCon HATS
that identify us as joining together in FAITH, SERVICE, AND MISSION.
One of the FIRST occasions to use them will be the CROP Walk.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ruthanne and John Igoe

Ruthanne and John live in Lexington. They have three adult children and two golden retrievers. John works in the cloud computer field and Ruthanne is a former teacher and book editor who is currently working to train those two golden retrievers! They enjoy spending time at their beach cottage in Mattapoisett and love boating, traveling, gardening, reading and trips on John's motorcycle. They especially love spending time with their kids, enjoying many of John's famous steak dinners.

Andrea and Edward Kakas

Andrea and Chip have been attending TriCon for over 6 years. They live in Carlisle with their three children, Gabriella 12, Adler 10 and Dane 6. Chip was born in Sherborn, Massachusetts and Andrea is from Rockford, Illinois. The two met while attending the University of Wisconsin. The entire family loves most outdoor activities, from skiing to swimming. They are excited to become formal members of the Trinitarian family.

Vickie Wagner

Vickie has been the Music Director at TriCon since 1986. Although she continues to reside in Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood, Vickie recently decided that it was finally time to transfer her membership from 1st Church in Cambridge, Congregational to TriCon. A native of northwestern Pennsylvania, Vickie moved to Boston forty years ago for graduate study at The New England Conservatory of Music. She enjoys dancing and traveling. Her most recent passion is studying Italian and traveling to Italy with her teacher and fellow students.