



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

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”
 -Pope Francis

SILENT PRAYER

Beloved God, today You call us to the waters of baptism. Bless us by the power of the Holy Spirit to know that we too are your beloved and precious in your sight. AMEN.

INTROIT *Lord of All Hopefulness* (Pilgrim Hymnal # 217) Irish, arr. Bullard
 Addison Boger, Piper Harring, Reilly Harring, Elizabeth Huettig, Maggie Stewart

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Isaiah 43, Psalm 29)

One: Our God is a God of power and strength!
All: God has created each of us with tender care.

One: Our God is a God of majesty and awe!
All: God walks with each of us every step of the way.

One: Our God is a God of glory and wonder!
All: God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.

One: Our God calls us each by name.
All: God calls each of us to unite in worship together!

HYMN #411 Arise, Your Light is Come
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

***INVOCATION**

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

***HYMN #368** I've Got Peace Like a River
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs
 (Students may leave for their Children's Ministry classes after the first verse.)

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p. 60 in the pew Bible)

SERMON God is *FOR* you! Robert Brown

***HYMN #341** Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent and Pastoral Prayer and 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 *Little Partita for Epiphany* (Hymn #69) German, arr. Woodman

***Hymn of Praise** *Dix*
 As they offered gifts most rare at the manger rude and bare,
 So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
 All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly king. Amen.


***Prayer of Dedication** (in unison)

We make our offerings, small and large,
 with the hope and confidence that all we do, all we offer,
 all we say, all we think, and all we hope
 will take root in this world.

May our offering fuel new expressions
 of God's love,
 of God's justice,
 of God's character,
 of God's mission,
 and of God's reign.

May God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven,
 Amen.

*HYMN #41

O Come, All Ye Faithful
 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

BENEDICTION

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Following the benediction, the opportunity is available for you to remember your baptism, or even consider being baptized. All are invited to come forward during the postlude for a baptismal blessing. You may hold your hand out or allow the minister to anoint your forehead with the waters of baptism.

POSTLUDE

Little Partita for Epiphany

Woodman

*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; Hank Haff, Liturgist.

The flowers are given by the family of Stan and Breezie Howard in thanksgiving for the love and friendship shown them by their TriCon pastors, staff and church family.