



**Trinitarian Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Concord, Massachusetts**

***Epiphany Sunday
January 6, 2019***

Nurturing Community

“Don’t worry about saving these songs! And if one of our instruments breaks, it doesn’t matter. We have fallen into the place where everything is music. The strumming and the flute notes rise into the atmosphere, and even if the whole world’s harp should burn up, there will still be hidden instruments playing.” -- Rumi

SILENT PRAYER

O God of the Magi, help us to hear the music, see the star, and come into your presence, rejoicing with exceeding joy! Amen.

PRELUDE

Christmas Pastoral Charles Callahan
Pat Bentley and Vickie Wagner, organ duo

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (based upon Psalm 72)

One: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things!

Many: **Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the glory of the Lord fill the whole earth!**

One: May the Creator have dominion from sea to sea;
may foes and friends alike bow down before him and render tribute.

Many: **May all earthly rulers fall down before the Holy One
and all nations serve God’s purposes.**

One: For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper;
from oppression and violence, God redeems our lives.

Many: **May prayer and worship arise like incense, and may our God be praised!**

All: **Amen and Amen!**

***HYMN #22**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
 Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA**

Angels We Have Heard on High
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains.
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

Heaven cannot hold him, nor— earth sustain;
Heav’n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed,
The Lord— God incarnate, Jesus Christ,

What— can I give him, poor— as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
What I can I give Him; Give— my— heart.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Silent Prayers

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

Go Tell It On the Mountain traditional
The Occasional Multi-Generational Choir

***Hymn of Praise**

What Child Is This *Greensleeves*
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

***Prayer of Dedication**

David Rennert

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:10-11 (p. 690 & p. 2 in the pew Bible)

SERMON/INTERVIEW Jean Vandergrift and Bob, the Magus

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***Hymn #63** (verses 1, 2, & 3) As With Gladness Men of Old
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

Invitation

Words of Institution & Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup - Communion by Intinction

All are welcome to come forward to receive communion at one of the four serving stations. Please take a piece of the bread or a gluten-free cracker and dip it in the chalice. Then you may take a 'gem stone' from the child at your station and return to your seat. If you wish to receive communion and your stone in your seat, raise your hand, and the deacons and children will serve you there.

Music *Mary, Did You Know?* Lowry & Greene
Marcia Macres, soloist

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

O God, our whole selves is the treasure we return lovingly to you. Thank you for this communion with you and each other! As the New Year dawns, awaken us through the Holy Spirit, so that we may recognize the help you send to our need. Make us what we can be; strengthen us every day of our lives until that time comes when all things are made perfect by your power. In the unity of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

***Hymn #63** (verse 4) As With Gladness Men of Old
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Go Tell It On the Mountain* arr. Mark Kellner

*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; Tussie Williams, Liturgist; Children and Youth Participants.