



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

“What does a life of total dedication to the truth mean?
 It means, first of all, a life of continuous and never-ending stringent self-examination.”
 -- M. Scott Peck

SILENT PRAYER

Holy Spirit, lead us with humility and thanksgiving to this Communion. He who loved us and gave himself up for us invites us to partake; hence the Lord’s supper cannot be the special possession of any person or group. If with all our heart we love the Lord and desire to do this in remembrance of him, then help us examine our hearts and prepare our minds that we may truly feed on the living bread. Amen.

– Adapted from G. Edwin Osborne

INTROIT

Canon of Praise

attributed to Mozart

Make a joyful noise to God all ye lands. Serve with gladness; draw near with a joyful heart.
 Come before God's presence with singing; into His gates with thanksgiving, His courts with praise.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (based upon Psalm 71)

One: Let us take refuge in the Lord God.
Many: We will hope in the God of the Matriarchs: Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel,
 One: The God of the Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Micah,
Many: The God of Moses, Elijah, John, and Jesus.
 One: God is not far from us; God will make haste to help us.
Many: It is good to be near God,
 One: And the Almighty delivers us by filling us with the Holy Spirit.
Many: Therefore, we will hope continually, praise without ceasing, and proclaim the Lord’s deeds of salvation all day long!
 One: Let us then worship freely, openly singing of God’s grace and glory!

***HYMN #420** (verses 1- 4)

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

***INVOCATION**

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

***HYMN #322**

Spirit of the Living God
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

(The children will leave for Children’s Ministry programming during this hymn.)

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 1 :4-8 (p. 698 in the pew Bible)
 Luke 4:20-30 (p. 61 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

Come Away From the Cliff

Jean Vandergrift

***HYMN #429** (verses 1 & 2)

Lord, You Give the Great Commission
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

If God Is Building When We Build American folk hymn, arr. Barnard

If God is building when we build, the house we raise will stand; if God designs when we design, His skill is in our hands. If God is working when we work, to make the things we make; He gives approval and success to labor for His sake. If God is speaking when we speak, our words become His word, and in the speech of everyday, eternal things are heard. If God is building when we build, we call each work our own; though not for us to praise ourselves, our praise is God alone! (Rev. Brian Foley, 1919-2000)

***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** (unison)

Come, Holy Spirit; come and bless these our offerings of praise and devotion.
 Consecrate them to your use and us to your service. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

*Hymn #314 (verses 1 & 2) Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

Words of Institution & Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The bread will be taken individually as it is received.

Gluten free bread is available on the communion trays.

The cup will be taken in unison after all have been served.

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Eternal God, fed and filled through your Holy Spirit, forgiven in Jesus Christ, we bow before you in gratitude and love. We have found our unity in humility and our peace in reconciliation. Blessed be your name, Amen.

*Hymn #314 (verse 3) Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

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; Polly Vanasse, Liturgist.