



Trinitarian Congregational Church
 United Church of Christ
 Concord, Massachusetts
 May 5, 2019

Nurturing Community

“I have been driven many times to my knees
 by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.”
 - Abraham Lincoln

SILENT PRAYER

Lord, here are my knees, my heart, and my tears. I will wait here so that with your Holy Spirit you may light my life. Amen.
 -Julian Ibarra Zapata

INTROIT *Jubilate Deo* Praetorius

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ.
Many: Praise God for loosing the chains of sin!
 One: Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ.
Many: Praise God for breaking the bonds of death!
 One: Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ.
Many: Praise God for releasing the forces of love!
 One: Let us join with God’s people everywhere
Many: in praise of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

***HYMN #306** *Fairest Lord Jesus* *Crusaders’ Hymn*
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

***INVOCATION**

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

***HYMN #399** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* *Dunlap’s Creek*
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

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

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 *Christ Be With Me* Noel Rawsthorne

***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)

God of Life, we thank you that you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new life. In this act of giving, may we become as Light and Hope, Peace and Mercy to all we encounter. In the Spirit of Christ, Amen.

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Acts 9:1-20 (p. 127 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “Seeing the Light” Jean Vandergrift

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Hymn #339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

The Responsive Invitation

One: This is the table of the Lord.

Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak.

Many: Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help.

One: Come, because the Lord loves you and gives himself for you.

Many: In humble faith, let this bread and wine be for us the token and pledge of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

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 (unison)

Holy God, our eyes have been opened, and you have been made known to us in the breaking of bread. We thank you for this revelation. As we have shared this meal and perceived your presence, may we now share this joy wherever we go in your name, Amen.

*Hymn #104

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn to Joy

 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Music for Flute and Organ

Emily G. Roos, flutist

*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; Dale Ryder, Liturgist.

The rose is in celebration of the May 1st birth of Grace Isabel Lawson, daughter of Barrett and Marcela Lawson, and first grandchild of happy grandparents, Bob and Janet Lawson.