

**\*INVOCATION**

**MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**LITANY OF CLOSURE FOR OUR INTERIM MINISTRY (INSERT)**

**\*HYMN #555** Now Thank We All Our God (verses 1 & 3)  
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs  
(The children who wish to leave for Children’s Ministry may do so during the singing of this hymn.)

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

**Call to Stewardship**

**Offertory** I Stand At the Threshold  
J. S. Bach  
arr. E. Power Biggs

**\*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**

**READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** Acts 16: 4- 15 (p. 135 in the pew Bible)

**SERMON** “A Story Worth Telling” Jean Vandergrift

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION** Down to the River to Pray Slave Songbook of 1867

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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)

Gracious Giver of all we need and could ever hope for, we thank you for being present to us in this sacrament. We have tasted of the heavenly banquet and experienced communion in you. We have feasted at your table and become brothers and sisters in Christ. Our cups runneth over and our joy knows no end! In your name, Amen.

**\*HYMN #464** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (all verses)  
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs

**\*BENEDICTION**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**RECESSIONAL**

\*The congregation is invited to stand.

† Go Forth and Serve †

**Leading Worship:** Rev. Bob Brown, Senior Minister; Rev. Dr. Jean Vandergrift, Interim Minister for Spiritual Development and Congregational Life; Brian Jones, Guest Organist; Liturgists: Mary Jane Knudson, Matthew Lehmann; Rob Dunlavey, Committee on the Ministry - MBA, MACUCC; Russell Sanna, Moderator.

Special Music by Bob and Sawyer Lawson, Marcia Macres, Natalie Gardner, Cheryl Shea, Becca Pasley, and Maggie Stewart.

Brian Jones, the Guest Organist this morning, is Emeritus Director of Music & Organist of Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston. He is also Director of the Copley Singers, a semi-professional chorus based in Boston. He moved to Concord in early 2017.

The altar flowers are given by the Kamionek family, dedicated to the TriCon graduating seniors, with best wishes to all on your next adventures.

The corner arrangement is given by The Caring Connection in honor of Jean Vandergrift for lighting the path for this congregation and guiding us on our journey. We are so honored to have shared this time with you.

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

“No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen the friendship of those who are thoroughly persuaded of each other’s worth.”

- Robert Southey

**PRELUDE**

Sicilienne  
Gabriel Fauré

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: I long to be in the Lord’s Temple: how I want to be here!

**Many: With our whole being, we will sing for joy to the living God!**

One: How happy are those who live in God’s sanctuary, ever singing God’s praise!

**Many: A single day spent in the Temple of the Almighty is better than a thousand anywhere else!**

One: I would rather stand at the gate of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Many: Let us enter the place of prayer and listen to the Eternal; let us be the church at worship.**

**\*HYMN #441**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (verses 1 to 4)  
Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs