



**Trinitarian Congregational Church  
 United Church of Christ  
 Concord, Massachusetts  
 June 9, 2019**

*Nurturing Community*

“One of the key functions of the church is to help people find meaning as they join together in pursuing a common purpose.”

Jim Antal

“What’s the best thing an individual can do for the climate? Stop being an individual!”

Bill McKibben

**SILENT PRAYER**

Spirit of the Living God, fill me with understanding,  
 enable me to advocate and make the changes needed  
 that will help make real Your desire to redeem and restore the earth.

**INTROIT**

Big Yellow Taxi

Lawson Singers

**WORDS OF WELCOME/ OUR MINISTRY AND MISSION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In a world of deep dislocation,

**Many: O Lord, we praise your name.**

One: Amidst sorrow, bewilderment, chaos and fear,

**Many: O Lord, we praise your name.**

One: In gratitude that you have called us to this community of faith,

**Many: O Lord, we praise your name.**

One: Hoping in your universal mercy promised to us  
 and to all your children, of many colors, languages, cultures.

**Many: We humbly seek your word of truth.**

One: Believing that you empower us by your Holy Spirit  
 to be emissaries of peace and ambassadors of justice.

**Many: We humbly seek your word of truth.**

One: Be with us this morning, our God of mercy,

**Many: Help us to hear and respond to your call.**

**All: AMEN.**

**\*HYMN #293**

This is My Father’s World  
*Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

*Terra Beata*

**\*INVOCATION**

**MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN**

This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;  
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
 This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again;  
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
 This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
 This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again.

This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;  
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
 This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
 This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

**READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** Acts 2:1-21 (p. 119 in the pew Bible)

**SERMON**

Stories of TRANSFORMATION & RELENTLESS HOPE

Bob Brown  
 Jean Cummings  
 Bob Lawson  
 Janet Lawson

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

The Times They Are A Changin’  
 Written by Bob Dylan

Sawyer Lawson

**FINDING OUR CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE** For the Beauty of the Earth  
For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**\*RESPONSIVE PRAYER**  
O God, You created the heavens and the earth, and saw that they were good.  
You created the birds of the air and the fish of the sea, and saw that they were good. You created us, and called us to be stewards of it all, and You said it was good. We grieve and lament that what You once called good is disappearing. The dominion You gave us has been badly misused and abused. Fill us today with your Holy Spirit so that we might know how to accept your extravagant invitation to co-create a renewed and restored world of sustainable abundance.

**\*SUNG RESPONSE** For the Beauty of the Earth  
For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**\*RESPONSIVE PRAYER**  
O God, You took on flesh and knew what it is to be of the earth. You felt the air rush through Your lungs and the water run over Your skin. You had dirt beneath Your fingernails. You walked with those we consider unworthy and ate with those we would never invite to our tables. Redeemer God, help us remember and follow the teaching examples of your earthly sojourn. Help us to see where our desire for comfort and efficiency hurts those whom You taught us to love the most.

**\*SUNG RESPONSE** For the Beauty of the Earth  
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**\*RESPONSIVE PRAYER**  
O God, You are here with us, even now. Your everlasting presence binds us with those who came before and the many generations who will follow. You fill us with the Holy Spirit and stir up our souls, breathing into us the courage to act. We yearn to hear Your still small voice. Show us the places we choose to maintain lifestyles that harm Your creation and reveal the changes we must make to sustain our earth for our children, grandchildren and all generations to come.

**\*SUNG RESPONSE** For the Beauty of the Earth  
For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### **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**

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Sustaining God, you have rained down blessings upon this Earth's fragile atmosphere; blessings to guard her deep imperiled secrets. You have empowered us with Your life-giving Holy Spirit so that we may honor you through our service and mission. Bless our renewed commitment to be stewards of the earth. May our offering today reflect our commitment to seek out viable solutions for true and sustaining climate justice for all Your people, in the name of our Great Creator and in the Way of Jesus. Amen.

### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Blue Boat Home

Lawson Singers

\*The congregation is invited to stand.

† **Go Forth and Serve** †

**Leading Worship:** Rev Robert Brown, Senior Minister; The Lawson Family, Guest Musicians; Bob and Janet Lawson, Fran and Jean Cummings, Liturgists.

**The flowers** are given by Sue, Ned, Emily, Tori and Nico Roos in celebration of the life of Peter Roos.