



## Implementing Our Vision/Shaping Our Future

Trinitarian Congregational Church

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“Remember that the greatest perils to the planet arise not from the poor and ignorant for whom education is an answer; they are caused by the well-educated for whom self-interest is the problem.”

- William Sloane Coffin

**SILENT PRAYER:** In the swirl of a life that clamors for our time, splinters our attention and battles for our money and resources, we simply turn this morning to dwell in the presence of one God. Holy One, quiet our hearts, still our minds and draw us near.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME/OUR MINISTRY AND MISSION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From a country at war, from a world on fire,  
From an age of violence, from a time of despair,

**All: We come to God for refuge.**

One: Because God's realm has not yet come,  
Because the powers of the world still rule,  
And the principalities still lay down their laws,

**All: We come to God for refuge.**

One: Since the burden is ours, and the work is before us,

**All: Since our labor is long, and our hearts are fragile,  
And there is so much yet to do,**

One: We come to God for refuge. Not to hide from the world,

**All: But to be made ready for it.**

One: Not to retreat from our tasks,

**All: But to be prepared for them,  
Come, God, Come.**

**All: Fix us for service,  
Fix us for holiness,  
Fill your world with grace.  
Now make an age of justice and peace,  
And make it to start with us. Amen.**

\* HYMN #487                      When Morning Gilds the Sky                      *Laudes Domini*  
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

\* INVOCATION

**MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

\* HYMN #339                      Be Thou My Vision                      *Slane*  
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*  
(Children may now leave for their Exploring Faith Groups.)

**READING OF THE SCRIPTURES**                      Luke 16:1-13

**SERMON**                      *Enlighted Self Interest*                      Rev. Bob Brown

\* HYMN #333                      Seek Ye First                      *Lafferty*  
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Silent and Pastoral Prayer, 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**                      *With a Voice of Singing*                      Martin Shaw (1879-1943)

With a voice of singing, declare yet this and let it be heard. Alleluia.  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord has delivered His  
people. Alleluia. O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. O sing praises to  
the honor of His name. Make His praise to be glorious.

\* **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)**

Gracious God,  
Your love is poured into our hearts,  
And we are filled with generosity and compassion.  
Accept these gifts and offerings,  
To do ministry in your name, throughout the world. Amen.

\* HYMN #391 (v.1,4,6)                      Take My Life                      Hendon  
 *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      *Offertorio*                      Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

**Go Forth and Serve**

\*Those who are able are invited to stand

**Leading Worship:** Rev. Bob Brown, Senior Minister, Rev. Gail Miller, Minister of  
Congregational Life; Victoria Wagner, Music Director; Liz Crowell, Liturgist

The flowers are given by the Turner Michael family in loving memory of Lorraine  
Turner, who passed away this past January and who would be celebrating her 91<sup>st</sup>  
birthday this weekend.

The rose on the communion table is given by Alan and Elise Woodward in celebration  
of the birth of their grandson, Parker Alan Woodward, born on August 31<sup>st</sup> to Kristen  
and Andrew Woodward and big brother, Hughes.