# **TRICON**WORSHIP

In all my prayers for all of you. I always pray with joy...

Philippians 1:4

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January 22nd, 2023

## Sunday, January 22, 2023 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**PRELUDE** Simple Gifts

Shaker Tune, arr. John Carter

**W**ELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Simple Song Matt DiBattista

Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Schwartz

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** 

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** 

The Litany of Baptism (responsively)

Minister: We are gathered to present this child to the church and to dedicate her to God. What can

we affirm about her?

People: She is a child of God, made in the image of God.

Minister: As she grows, how will she know that she is a child of God,

made in God's image?

People: We will give her our love and include her in the life and ministry of this congregation.

Minister: And what, in turn, will we expect of her?

People: We look forward to sitting with her at the Lord's Table, sharing the ways of Jesus,

learning and growing with her in our faith.

Minister: As parents and Godparents will you, as family to one another, accept your primary

responsibility for growing with this girl in faith, helping her to follow in the Way of Jesus,

and will you offer her the nurture and support of those who follow in the Way?

Parents &

Godparents: We will with the help of God.

Deacon: And do you, Trinitarian Congregational Church, pledge to work toward creating and

maintaining a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for this girl?

People: We do, for she belongs to us as well. We thank God for Avery. May God bless her and

keep her, now and forever. Amen.

THE PRAYER AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

BLESSING

PRESENTATION We welcome into the love and care of Christ's church, through baptism

**Avery James Connors** 

\* **HYMN # 430** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Children are invited to leave for Exploring Faith during the first verse of the hymn.

**SCRIPTURE** Philippians 1:3-11 (pg. 196 NT)

SERMON The Wonder of This Place Rev. Bob Brown

\* HYMN (see insert) It Is Well with My Soul

**PRAYERS** Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

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 and ever. Amen.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP Breht Feigh

**OFFERTORY** Cantate Domino The Choir

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657 – 1743)

O sing to the Lord a new song. Let the congregation of saints praise God. Let Israel rejoice in the Lord who made us. Let the children of Zion be  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \frac{1}{2}$ 

joyful in their King. (Psalms 95 & 97)

#### \* HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

#### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, with this offering may we reflect the signs of your hope, be instruments of your peace, expressions of your joy, and examples of your love and justice in the world. In the Way of Jesus. Amen.

**LITURGY OF FAREWELL AND RELEASE** (responsively)

**Rev. Robert Brown:** I thank you, TriCon Church, for the love and kindness, the support and generosity you gave me during our time together. I ask your forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the many ways my leadership was accepted. As I leave the wonder of this place, I carry with me all that I have learned from you.

Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept your passage. We are grateful for the years of your ministry and ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence upon our faith will not leave us at your departure.

**Rev. Robert Brown:** I receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and trust that our time together and my leaving now are pleasing and right with our God.

**Rev. Alex Shea Will:** Do you, TriCon Church, release Reverend Robert Brown from his duties as Pastor? Do you offer your encouragement as his journey unfolds in new ways?

Congregation: We do with the help of God.

**Rev. Alex Shea Will:** Do you, Reverend Robert Brown, release this local congregation from turning to you and depending on you? Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and for the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Rev. Robert Brown: I do with the help of God.

Music A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)

**BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE It is Well with My Soul Emily Roos

Philip P. Bliss, 1867; arr. Dave Howland

<u>Worship Leaders</u>: Rev. Robert Brown, Senior Minister; Rev. Gail Miller, Minister of Congregational Life; Rev. Alex Shea Will, SNEUCC Conference Minister; Victoria Wagner, Music Director

### It Is Well with My Soul



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#### Coming Up at TriCon....

Mission Trip Meeting today at noon

This is a meeting for those participating on the Youth Mission Trip this coming April – kids & adult leaders. These pre-trip meetings are mandatory; you must call Christine if you are unable to attend.

Tuesday, Newsletter folding at 1:00 p.m., upper room Tuesday, Church Council meeting, at 7:00 p.m., in person

Wednesday, Women of Spirit, 7:00 a.m. (zoom)

Wednesday, Forum on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like to discuss the church profile, that is in the process of being updated and will be used when we begin our senior minister search, please join us this evening on zoom (or next Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, in the parlor after worship). Link in weekly eblast. Or, email abruning@triconchurch.org.

Thursday, Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday (January 29<sup>th</sup>) Rev. Dr. Jill Edens will lead worship. The Revs. Edens are our Interim Ministers.

Sunday, Profile Forum after worship, 11:00 a.m. (in person) Sunday, Confirmation class, with the Mentors, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

\*\* TriCon's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, following worship \*\*

Bridge the Gap. We are asking you to consider an increase in your pledge or an additional gift for 2023 to help us meet our budget. Cards in the pews or online. Thanks to all who financially contribute to TriCon and thereby support our programs, building, and mission giving!