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Trinitarian Congregational Church, UCC  
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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**MEDITATION**

There are some things too meaningful for talking  
And even feeling leaves us full of grief  
At all we touch and need and  
Can never speak of

We are living lives that we can't state the name of  
We are loving things that  
We can never bear  
We attempt belief in things that we cannot explain  
And we rest uneasy in this  
Sometimes seeming cruel game

And we rest with tension  
So beautiful  
Its heartaching

A Reading from the *Book of Exile*, Pádraig Ó Tuama

**PRELUDE**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Rev. Richard Edens

One: O God, Giver of life, we praise you as we arise this morning!

**All: God bears us up on eagles' wings.**

One: Praise God with great joy and gladness!

One: Let us pray:

**All: Strengthen us, Holy One, that we may be faithful to Christ's call. Let our love extend like your love, well beyond our own created borders. Amen.**

**\* HYMN (see insert) *In Christ There Is No East or West***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Confident in God's promised newness of life, let us turn to God in confession.

*(Please be seated.)*

**All: Hear our cries to you, O God. For our lack of compassion, for our disbelief in your power to make us whole, for mistrusting your Way, forgive us. Give us grace: to learn from you and from each other, to radically expand our welcome, to imagine a world filled with the known, the unknown, the sacred, the queer, the awe-filled. In your mercy, open our hearts to all of it that we may be filled with wonder. Amen.**

*– Silent confession –*

One: Do not be afraid. The One who was and is and is to come knows you and loves you. You are forgiven and set free to receive the promise of new life. Amen.

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
let us forgive one another.  
The peace of God be with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

*Passing the peace of God is the practice of extending ourselves in forgiveness and reconciliation. We exercise this discipline of faith in this setting as preparation for those occasions when it is difficult yet right to do so.*

**\* GLORIA (TUNE: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, from an anthem of Henry Purcell)**

Glo-ry be to our Cre - a - tor, praise to our Re - deem - er Lord.  
Glo - ry be to our Sus - tain - er, ev - er Three and ev - er One.  
As it was in the be - gin - ning, world with - out end. A - men!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Children are invited to leave with Judy Walpole and Amy Bruning for some rainbow-themed activities, including painting cookies! Parents, your children will be in the parish hall following the service.

**SCRIPTURE** Exodus 19:3-5, *NRSV* pg. 65 OT  
Matthew 9:35-38, *NRSV* pg. 9 NT

Michele Forinash

One: For the Word of God in scripture, among us, and within us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Breaking Up the Nest*

Rev. Dr. Jill Edens

**\* HYMN (see insert) *This Little Light of Mine***

## **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. Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

Michele Forinash

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **\* HYMN OF PRAISE (TUNE: 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**

**For all the great and wondrous things, you have done for us, O God, we are grateful. We joyfully give our treasure to bring hope, justice, love, and healing to those who are hurting. Help us to pass on the good news through this offering and by the way we live each day. Amen.**

#### **\* HYMN (see insert)**

*God is Still Speaking*

### **BENEDICTION**

#### **\* POSTLUDE**

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Jill Edens, Rev. Richard Edens, Interim Co-Senior Ministers; Mark Nelson, organist

With Vickie Wagner on retreat at the Benedictine Monastery of St. Gertrude in Idaho, we are delighted to welcome Mark Nelson as our guest organist. A Minnesota native who attended St. Olaf College, Mark came east to work for the organ building firm of CB Fisk in Gloucester, where he remained until 2010. He recently retired as Music Director at St. John's Episcopal Church in Gloucester. Mark resides in Essex Falls with his husband, David.

Next Sunday, July 2nd, we begin our summer worship in the parish hall. We welcome the Rev. Dr. Beverly Weinhold as our guest minister next week, and we will celebrate communion together.

The Revs. Edens are on their vacation in July. Please call the church office for any care needs.

Church offices will be closed next Tuesday for the July 4th Independence Day holiday.

## In Christ There Is No East or West

Luke 13:29

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African-American spiritual

*Jubilee Songs*, 1884

Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

C G C F B $\flat$  F C F Am Dm7 G7 C F C

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;  
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mu-nion find;  
 3. Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.  
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;

Am C Am C G/ C G/ C F C Am C G/ C

But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.  
 His ser-vice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God Are sure-ly kin to me.  
 All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

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# This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
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Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935  
 Arr. © Horace Clarence Boyer

THIS JOY  
 Irregular

Robert A. Lewis, 2002

**God spoke in ages past to call forth and create  
A universe that is diverse, A world both good and great.  
God spoke in ages past to seek and to redeem;  
And those who heard God's holy Word have shared and served God's dream.**

**God's Word has come to us in story and in song;  
A company of people free, to God we now belong.  
God's Word has come to us through scripture, font, and meal,  
That we may know and tell and show God's work all ills to heal.**

**God spoke in ages past and God is speaking still;  
By day and night more truth and light break forth to show God's will.  
Yes, God is speaking still to promise and to call;  
In covenant we're called and sent to speak to one and all.**

**Go now and speak God's Word, proclaim God's message true;  
Let all be told, both young and old, that God makes all things new.  
Go now and speak God's Word, proclaim to all the earth;  
By word and deed meet human need, show forth the gospel's worth.**

*The hymn lyrics were written for the 24<sup>th</sup> General Synod of the United Church of Christ, "God Is Still Speaking."  
The tune DIADEMATA is most often associated with the hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns."*



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TriCon Church is an open and affirming congregation in the tradition of the United Church of Christ. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here. We open wide our doors to people of all ages and abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender expression, racial identification, and spiritual tradition. There are visitor cards in the pews if you'd like to leave your contact information so we can follow up with you and include you in our church communications.

If you are here with young children, we have rainbow-themed activities to enjoy together this morning! Children are encouraged to leave with Judy Walpole and Amy Bruning after the Children's Message. If your children wish to stay with you during worship, we draw your attention to the bookshelf behind the last pew filled with activity sheets, Bible stories, and finger-fidgets.

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