

Service of the Word and Sacrament

Second Sunday of Epiphany

January 14, 2018

Welcome! It's a joy to worship with you today. Larger print bulletins & personal hearing amplifiers are available in the Narthex (Main Street entry).

Caring volunteers and paid staff tend our nursery/childcare rooms during worship. Little ones are welcome there any time. **Today, children will begin in Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and return to join in celebrating Communion.**

Prelude *Andante Moderato* by Gabriel Fauré Catherine York, Organist

Welcome The Rev. Jill H. Small

Introit

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: Welcome, Beloved Community!

All: Welcome, sisters and brothers, neighbors and newcomers.

One: Together, may we discover God Still-speaking.

All: Together, may we respond, "Here I am!"

One: Come and see: God is good.

All: All the time!

One: All the time,

All: God is good!

* **Opening Hymn** *O Grant Us, God, a Little Space* #516 NCH
(*Standing in body or in spirit)

Invocation (unison)

Creating and sustaining God, be present among us now as ever. Open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear you, our hearts to love you, and our minds to discover you. Hear our prayer, O Holy One. Amen.

Anthem "Praise Ye the Lord" by Cesar Franck Chancel Choir

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Church Family Prays

The Prayer of Jesus/Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy reign/kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the reign/kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering *Gifts of time, talent, and treasure make possible the mission and ministry we share. You're welcome to use a pew card to note online giving and gifts of service. Thank you.*

Offertory

*** Doxology (#780 NCH)**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Spirit of the Living God, accept all that we bring before you. Remind us that we are giving to honor you and to serve our neighbors. Blessing those who offer and those who receive these offerings. In the name of the Christ at whose table we feast, amen and amen.

Texts for the Day

Christian Scripture John 1:43-51

Sermon "Discover Miracles" The Rev. Dr. Charles Buck

*** Hymn** *O Savior, Let Me Walk with You* #503 NCH

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

There is a place for you at this table; you are welcome here.

Invitation

One: The whole of creation is God's gift to us.

All: We are called to care for all that God created: lands, seas, skies, and creatures.

One: We are the whole people of God: remembered, renewed, redeemed.

All: May we be at peace with one another.

The Greeting of Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks & praise.

One: Blessed are you Holy God, with all who know you and all who love you, we join the endless refrain:

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe sings your glory, God Most High. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God: hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution & Consecration of the Elements

Sharing of the Bread & the Cup by Intinction (Bread is gluten free; the cup contains grape juice. All are welcome to come forward to receive the sacrament. Dip the bread into the cup, eat, and return to your seat.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Let us give thanks to God in union with the faithful everywhere.

ALL: We thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of the living Christ; for gladness in this bread and cup; for love that cannot die; for peace that the world cannot give nor take away; for the glory of creation; and for the mission of justice that we can make our own. Fill us with the gifts of this sacrament: oneness of heart, love and forgiveness offered and accepted, the will to serve and the willingness to grow. In your holy name we pray: Amen.

* **Closing Hymn**

This Little Light

#524 NCH

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Raise the Song on High by Steven Scott

***As our worship together ends, our true service begins.
May you be blessed this week and may you be a blessing to others.***

The Rev. Dr. Charles C. Buck is the Transitional Conference Minister for the NH Conference, UCC. He will guide the Conference Board of Directors in planning and visioning for the future.

Charles Buck has served as pastor to churches in California and Hawaii. He came to New Hampshire following 13 years as Conference Minister of the Hawaii Conference.

Born in San Francisco, Charles is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, San Francisco Theological Seminary, and Stanford University where he earned a Ph.D. in historical musicology. Charles is married to Susan and they have two adult children, Matthew and Sara.

Greeting today are Gary Cilley, Janet Vrettos, Greg Vrettos, and Doug Terrill.

Thank you to our Sound Engineers: John Moore, Grant Armstrong, Russell Mason, and Fisayo Dada for running our sound system each Sunday morning.

After worship, all are welcome to gather for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall, hosted by Rose Ahrens-Mince.

Please join Charles Buck and Jill Small in the Chapel at 11:30 for a conversation about transition both here at CCD and in the New Hampshire Conference.



Reminder: Please leave the upper parking lot free for those who have difficulty walking.

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