

First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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January 15, 2017 Second Sunday after Epiphany



ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

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Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

WELCOME TO ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*HYMN #581 "Lead Us From Death to Life"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The God of all nations created us to be One Body with many members.

All: United and uniting. This is our calling.

One: God calls us to share diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit.

All: United and uniting. This is our redemption.

One: God longs for us to be united in love - manifesting Spirit in different ways.

All: United and uniting. This is our worship.

One: Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God, who challenges us and calls us to *create together the Beloved Community*.

*INVOCATION

O God, all people are your Beloved, across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations and all the ways we are distinctive from one another. As Dr. King said, "We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny." God, you call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love. Let us know your presence among us now. Let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty. We ask this, inspired by the example of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr., and in Jesus' name. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #759 Gloria Patri

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, three-in-One;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,

All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, we offer you our gifts with thanks and praise, be with us and guide us all of our days. Teach us how to love each other, and to shine your light into the world. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sue Handy

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

(Children are excused to go to their classes at this time.)

HYMN # 588 Let Justice Flow like Streams

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT	Isaiah 62:1-5	(O.T. p 768)
NEW TESTAMENT	I Corinthians 12:1-11	(N.T. p 182)
MEDITATION	Diana Sweeney	
CHOIR ANTHEM	"Go Down Moses" Spiritual arr. Frey	

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

CHOIR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Brothers and sisters, who we are shows God's presence in the world. That divine presence is reflected even more fully, powerfully, and transformatively as we unite in Beloved Community. Let us bring ourselves, our gifts, and our resources together that God may be glorified.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #780,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below, Praise God above, you heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, we commit to use all our gifts --wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, administration, hospitality, and finances-- in the service of acting as co-workers with you and each other for peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

*HYMN #593 Lift Every Voice and Sing

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Dona Nobis Pacem

POSTLUDE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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