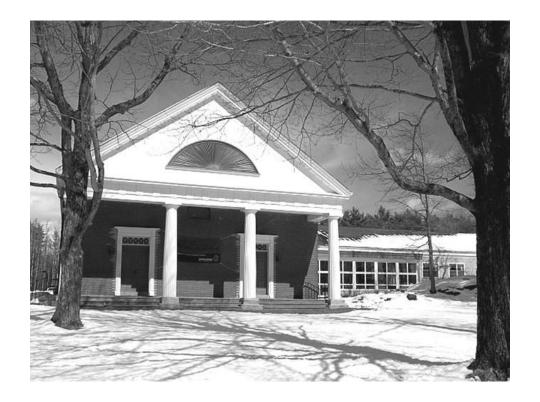


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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome! If you would like more information about our community, please fill out a blue visitor card. Throughout the order of worship, if the print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ORGAN PRELUDE "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

Johann

Christoph Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Eternal God, you make all things new, all while abiding forever the same.

Grant that we may begin this year in faith All:

One: and continue it in favor.

So that guided in our doings, and guarded in our days,

One: we may spend our lives in your service,

surrounded by your grace, All: One: and ready for your kingdom.

All: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Forgive us our sins, Lord God,

All: as we ourselves forgive those indebted to us.

One: Help us to acknowledge our own imperfection,

All: and from that knowledge love and forgive the world.

One: Give us the audacity to try again and again.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (From Romans 8:38-39)

One: With Paul the Apostle,

All: we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN** "There's a Song in the Air!" No. 159

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-40 Lydia Hill

SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

*HYMN "As With Gladness" No. 173

THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RETELLING THE STORY

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

THE SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

No. 307

OFFERTORY "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

arr. Mark Hayes

Marilee Beinema, soprano

*DOXOLOGY No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

No. 167 (refrain only)

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

POSTLUDE "Noel Festival" arr. Lloyd Larson Jennie Stephens and Jan Stover, piano duet

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Next Sunday's Lectionary

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Minister of Music: Jan Stover

Ushers: Karin Kurry, Jim Parr

Liturgist: Lydia Hill

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

Happy New Year!

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