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Serving Christ and Community since 1754 Third Parish Church; 1833 The Brick Church

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRELUDE *WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIPⁱ

- One: We come to encounter God, the Eternal Spirit, who is known to us in Jesus our brother.
- Many: We come to testify to God's deeds.
- One: We celebrate God, who called the worlds into being, created us in the Divine image, and set before us the ways of life and death.
- Many: We come to accept the cost and joy of discipleship and become servants in the service of others.
- One: We seek strength to proclaim the Gospel and resist the powers of evil.
- Many: We come for courage in the struggle for justice and peace,

remembering God's presence in our lives, and anticipating that eternal life in the realm which has no end.

One: Let us worship God, who transforms our lives and our world! Amen.

*HYMN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION:

- One: Loving God, when we forget we are Yours,
- Many: Remind us of Your love which formed us.
- One: When we fail to honor Your image in our neighbor,
- Many: Restore in us the heart of Christ for others.
- One: When we lose sight of You, and Your hope for our world and for our lives.
- Many: Show us Your Spirit moving in and through us all.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

- One: May we be assured of God's grace: The compassion of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
- Many: God's mercy is new every morning, and great is God's faithfulness.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 133

Karin Kurry

ANTHEM

THE SERMON

MUSICAL MEDITATION & TIME OF PRAYER

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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.

THE OFFERTORY

CLOSING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Go In Peace"

POSTLUDE

¹ Inspired by the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith