



January 20, 2019

10:00 AM

Second Sunday after Epiphany

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see."

— C.S. Lewis

“Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.”

— Elizabeth Barrett Browning

"From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."

— John 1:16

*Flowers are from Fred and Karen Gravino
in celebration of their children and grandchildren and their lives together.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TRINITY RING

Joseph D'Eugenio

(The ringing of the chimes signals a time of silence)

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. James Campbell

PRELUDE

G. Finzi

Carol

(Catherine Stover, clarinet)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Helene, Deacon

One: We come this day, Precious God,
as people in need of your steadfast love:

**All: With you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**

One: We gather this day, Water-changing God,
as people looking for signs:

**All: With you is the fountain of grace;
in your Hope we see hope.**

One: We worship this day, Gifting God,
as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

**All: With you is the fountain of joy;
in your Life we see life.**

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, 48

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: We believe in God,
the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.

All: We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;

One: He sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness
upon himself, suffering for us,

All: Dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.

We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church,
the body of Christ in the world.

One: This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth
reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God
and the promise of eternal life.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in a key of D major (two sharps) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Glo - ry be to God and to the Christ and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

One: May the peace, the shalom (*Hebrew*), the salaam (*Arabic*)
of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with words and signs of peace.

CALL TO OFFERING

*If you pledge electronically, give periodically or by another method
and wish to show your support of the church, place the green "I Give" card
(located in pew) in the offering plate.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

C. Callahan

Come, I Pray Thee

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit One. Alleluia!**
(*Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Children K- 8 are dismissed to their classroom
during the singing of Lead Me Lord
Parents please pick up children in their classrooms.*

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11 (NT, p. 93)

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SERMON

The Rev. Alison McCaffrey

*HYMN

Jesus, Come for We Invite You, 669

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*HYMN

Lord, Make Us More Holy



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

ACOLYTE: Maria Fiore
HOST: Jim Louys
GREETERS: The Hall Family, Gordon Hurlburt

Catherine Stover Biography

Catherine Stover is a woodwind instrumentalist, composer, and arranger in the jazz idiom. She teaches privately, and earned a BA in Music from Western Connecticut State University, and a Professional Certificate in Jazz Composition and Arranging from Berklee College of Music. Catherine has played in a variety of music groups, including concert bands, jazz bands and chamber groups. She is a new member, both to our church and Chancel Choir.

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

A meeting of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is called by the Executive Board for Sunday, January 27, 2019 at the church immediately following the 10 AM service. Child care will be provided for those attending. The meeting will commence at approximately 11:00 AM for the purposes of:

1. Electing Officers, Board and Committee members
2. Accepting the Annual Report for 2018
3. Accepting the budget for 2019
4. State of the Church and Bylaws Update
5. Other Business

Signed,
Leah Sanders
Church Clerk

Snow Date: February 3

Sunday, January 20 - Prayers of Intercession

Joys and concerns are received every Sunday, except the first of the month. You may request a prayer using the prayer cards in the pews. Ushers will collect the prayer cards during the first hymn. Simply raise your hand, and the ushers will come collect your prayer card.

Alison Hobbie Clark (friend of Roy and Betty Pritchard), Ford Cole, Ruth Coleman, Richard Cushing, Joy Deegan, Troy Dixon (Linda Dixon's son), Annie Donato (Barb Grudzias's friend), Ed McElligott, Sheila McReavy (friend of the Sellati's and Euerle's), Rosemarie Gadsby (Peter Gadsby's wife), Fonda Gravino (Fred & Karen Gravino's daughter), Joy Hostage, David Leoni (Jackie Cole's stepfather), Emil Mack (Lisa Daly's father), Liisa Petersen (Mariann Durocher's sister), Tim Redeker (Jim's brother), Avis Triplett (Martha Triplett Strollo's stepmother), Rosharonda Trott (Barb Grudzias' friend)

Concerns: Prayers for the family and friends of Erman Hester (Kim Hester Tabor's uncle) who passed away on January 8 and for Jean Oberst, church member, who passed away on January 12.

Prayers for Those Deployed:

Army National Guard: Spc. Brian N. Marchand

U.S. Army: Adam Ellis; Sgt. Nicholas Carboni,
Vaughn Guetens, Officer Training School

U.S. Navy: AT1 Benjamin Todd Fritz, Michael Castaldi

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Jan. 20

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Junior Girl Scout Troop 60454, Room 9

Mon., Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Day Office Closed

Tue., Jan. 22

- 2:00 p.m. Parish Care, Library
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Board, Room 10
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Board, Room 11

Wed., Jan. 23

- 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon, Parish Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Chapel
- 12:00 p.m. Women's AA, Parish Hall
- 12:45 p.m. Caring Crafts, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Room

Thur., Jan. 24

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 92, Parish Hall

Sun., Jan. 27

- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting, Parish Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 92, Room 11
- 1:00 p.m. Daisy Troop #60854, Whiting House
- 2:00 p.m. Junior Girl Scout Troop 60454, Room 9
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group meeting, Whiting House

Due to the Annual Meeting, there will be no 8:00 AM service on January 27

Speaker Series: January 29 at 6:00 PM in Chapel

The speaker will be the Rev. Debora Jackson from the Yale Divinity School. She will be talking about Life Long Learning and what educational resources at the Yale Divinity school are available for help. Please see our website for information about Rev. Jackson and the program.

Lost and Found items: Please check to see if you have items in the lost and found bins and coats on the coat rack. After January 20, all items will be donated to Goodwill.

Potluck Supper: New Time

The potluck supper will still be taking place on the 1st Wednesday of the month but starting on February 6 and going forward; we will begin at 6:00 PM (instead of 5:30 PM)

Thursday Morning Bible Study (The Parables of Jesus)

Please join us in the Chapel on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. The class is facilitated by Gary Rowe. A participant's guide is available for \$7.00. Questions on the 6-week study can be directed to Marianne at marianne.eagleson@cox.net, Phone 203-271-2850, or Gary Rowe at garyrowe240@gmail.com, Phone 203-631-0064. We hope to see you there. All are welcome.

2019 Pledge Envelopes

For those who pledge and give weekly, the 2019 giving envelopes are available in the parlor for pickup. If you would like envelopes and there are none there for you, please put your name on the signup sheet.

Midnight Run: Monday, January 28

Please help us to deliver food and clothing to the homeless in New Haven. Please donate items to make bag suppers. The sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby. We also distribute gently used men's clothing, trial-sized toiletries, and new men's underwear and socks- please place these items in the big yellow bin in the parish hall.

