

Peace I leave with you;
MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and
DO NOT BE AFRAID.

JOHN 14:27 NIV



**Old South Church, UCC
The First Congregational Church and Society
Windsor, Vermont**

~ All Members Ministers ~

**2018 – Celebrating 250 Years of Worship
and Community Service**

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINDSOR, VERMONT**

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**Guest Speaker
Bridge Pastor
Director of Music
Accompanist**

November 11, 2018

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Old South Church. If you are visiting today, we are glad that you're here. Please take a minute to sign your name and address in the guest book outside the Sanctuary. Our service is responsive; the Worship leader reads what is written in regular print and the Congregation is invited to respond with what is written in **bold**. The "*" indicates that all who are able may stand, but feel free to sit if it is more comfortable. We use two hymnals: *The Chalice Hymnal* (blue) and *The Faith We Sing Hymnal* (black, soft cover). The hymnal is indicated with the hymn selections.

We respectfully ask that all cell phones be turned off during the service.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Come, Christians Join to Sing* (Callahan)

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE (E.M. Burghardt)

Today, we light a red candle,
praying that wars may cease among all nations and peoples.
Today, we light a multi-colored candle,
praying that conflict about and among all religions may cease.
Today, we light a white candle and say Peace, Peace.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Lectionary Liturgies*)

**Loving God, open our ears to hear Your word
and draw us closer to You,
that the world may be one with You
as You are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

2.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(E.M. Burghardt)

Loving God, we need Your Peace. This Remembrance Day anniversary, help us have the courage to acknowledge all the wars, small and large, around the world. We honor those service men and women who stand, and who years ago stood for what they believed. We acknowledge the physical and psychological scars of war – on the warriors, those who care about them and for them, and all the women, men, and children caught in conflict. We know fear; we pray for Peace. Among all people. All around the world. May we stand together, and radically forgive, without fear, in peace, as Christ taught us.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #575**

Come and Find the Quiet Center

(*Chalice*)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(E.M. Burghardt)

When we fail... God is always waiting and always invites us in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(E.M. Burghardt)

Lord, it's another week; the news cycle is relentless, and we can't keep up. It seems there is always one more shooting, one more act of verbal or physical violence. Social media keeps us on a treadmill. And yet, All Saints Day came and went, the clocks changed, and the juncos have come back. Hunting season has started, and the Church is getting ready for Advent. In all the chaos, we create, You help us stop for the predictable. Help us take time to see our foolishness. We have stopped marveling at the beauty around us. We have not paused to put things in a longer perspective, living in the very minute-to-minute existence that we have created. Help us reset our priorities. Help us see what is right, and true, and important. Remind us to take a deep breath, to walk gently on the earth, to learn about you, and to share and live what You have taught us. We know it is what You want us to do. We were just too busy, too scared, and we forgot. Thank You for this time to remember who you want us to be, and who we strive to be. Amen.

3.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

(E.M. Burghardt)

We are loved by a God who forgives us, and yet urges us to reach out.
It is not comfortable. It is not always tidy. But it is what we are called to do.

**The teachings of Jesus are with us in times of sorrow,
and discomfort. When we are afraid and angry. When we are alone,
and in a crowd. We walk this fragile human journey with a loving God
who says "Come. Welcome". And we are so very blessed.
Amen and Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI #35**

(Chalice)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

(Berthier)

SIMPLY SPEAKING

(There is Nursery care downstairs for infants and children through Pre-K age.
For older children, there are activity packets at the back of the church – help yourselves!)

MESSAGE

Fear

Scripture References:

Genesis 15:1
Numbers 21:34
Deuteronomy 3:2
Joshua 8:1
Daniel 10:12, 19
Daniel 10:8-19
Luke 1:13
Luke 1:30
Luke 2:10
Luke 5:10
Acts 27:23-24
Revelation 1:17-18

4.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #2197 Lord of All Hopefulness** *(The Faith We Sing)*

DEDICATION OF THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

After the Committee Members are addressed, the congregation will be asked to stand.

Leader: "Do you promise to support these servants of God in their ministry, allowing them the time and privacy they need to do their work. Will you covenant to pray for them and for our church in this interim time?"

Congregation: **We will, with the grace and help of God.**

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* *(Keveren)*

***DOXOLOGY #46** *(Chalice)*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Sharing of the Community

Prayers of the People and 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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN OF PARTING #436 Shalom to You Now *(Chalice)*

POSTLUDE *There'll Be Bluebirds Over The White Cliffs of Dover* *(Kent)*

*The congregation is invited to exit during the Postlude.
Please be sensitive to those who wish to quietly remain.*

5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's flowers are dedicated to those with birthdays in November, including Bradley Dougher, Jim Moeykens, Katie Soho, Angela Dougher, Joe Clifford, Christine Porter, Esther Kibble, Kamron Clifford.

Sun., Nov. 11 Worship Service, 10:00am
Church Preview of Christmas Bazaar, Following Worship
Pastoral Search Committee Meeting, Following Worship
***Women of Note* a cappella Group Rehearsal, 7:00pm**

Sat., Nov. 17 Christmas Bazaar, 9:00am – 2:00pm
Our "Chili to Go" Lunch will feature our award-winning Tongues of Fire Chili.
All proceeds will go toward paying off the new furnace.

Sun., Nov. 18 Half-Price Sale in the Attic, Following Worship
Open to the Public: 12-2pm
Cleanup begins at 2:00pm.

Fri., Nov. 30 Classicopia Presents *Spanish Serenade*, 7:30pm
A concert of four-hand piano music highlighting the exciting sounds of Spain in the imaginations of French composers such as Bizet, Chabrier, and Ravel, as well as German-born Moszkowski. Admission: \$20 for adults; \$15 for OSC Members; Children 18 and under are always free. Tickets available at the door. Discounted advance seats online at www.classicopia.org.