



**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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**November 25, 2018**

**Reign of Christ Sunday**

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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**

**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.***

2.

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(Lectionary Liturgies)*

We have chosen to be here, where God remembers us.

**God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.**

Like leaves skipping over the carpet of grass:

**God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.**

Like the first glimpses of the sun peeking over the horizon:

**God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.**

Like the moon lighting our way on a cloudless, autumn night:

**God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(Lectionary Liturgies)*

Almighty God: from the beginning of time to the end of eternity,

**You have chosen to use Your power and majesty**

**to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as Your people.**

King of Kings and Lord of Lords:

**You became weak so You could confront the strength of sin and death, confounding their ridicule with Your resurrection.**

Spirit of God, resting upon us:

**may Your power enflame us with Your peace;**

**may Your peace touch us with Your grace;**

**may Your grace fill us with Your hope;**

**may Your hope lead us into Your Kingdom.**

Almighty God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Spirit

**We began the year hearing rumors of Your coming;**

**we met You first as a mysterious Baby and we end our year**

**proclaiming, despite all evidence to the contrary,**

**that indeed You Reign. Make this real in us,**

**through us, and into Your beloved world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #91**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

*(Chalice)*

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

*(Lectionary Liturgies)*

While there are many with power in our world - power to hurt us, power to hire or fire us, power to control us – only God has the power to forgive us and make us new people. Let us confess how we fear the power of the world, and welcome the power of God's grace.

### 3.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*(Lectionary Liturgies)*

**The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. Choosing the lies of the world, Your Word has not been on our lips. Choosing independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect Your Spirit in our actions towards others. Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life. Forgive us, God who became weak for our sake. Do not turn Your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior.**

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

#### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS**

*(Lectionary Liturgies)*

Shout for joy, children of God! The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you.

**God's Spirit rests upon us,  
grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. 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**

***Ose Shalom (The One Who Makes Peace)***

*(John Leavitt)*

The One who makes peace in the heavens,  
May He make peace for us,  
and for all Israel,  
and let us say, let us say Amen.

#### **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!)

**4.**

**NEW TESTAMENT**

**Revelation 1:4b-8**  
(Pages 932-933 in the Pew Bible)

(Karen Gritzke)

**GOSPEL**

**John 18:33-37**  
(Page 827 in the Pew Bible)

(Karen Gritzke)

**SERMON**

***New Names, New World***

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD***

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #700**      **O Day of God, Draw Nigh**      (*Chalice*)

**INVITATION TO GIVING**

**OFFERTORY**      ***Arab Dance from The Nutcracker***      (Langer-Sternberg)

**\*DOXOLOGY #46**      (*Chalice*)

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*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 #142**

**People, Look East**

(*Chalice*)

**POSTLUDE**

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

## 5.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY                   Worship Service, 10:00am, Followed by Coffee Hour  
250th Anniversary Display**

Today is the last day for viewing the 250th Anniversary Display in the Narthex on the second floor. We thank all who made this year's celebration a success!

**Christmas Poinsettias**

Time to order your Christmas Poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary!

You can take them home after the Christmas, if you wish. Order deadline: December 9th.

**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](http://www.classicopia.org).

**Sat., Dec. 1            Greening of the Church, 9:00am**

Come help decorate the church for the Advent season.

Coffee and donuts will be provided!

**Youth Group, 3:00pm**

The youth group will meet to make Christmas ornaments and sugar cookies!

All youth are welcome to attend. See Jennifer Townsend if you have questions.

**Sun., Dec. 9           Worship Service, 10:00am – 11:00am  
Mitten Tree**

**Sat., Dec. 15           Cantata Rehearsal & Lunch (Chime & Adult Choirs), 10-12  
Choir Caroling at MAHHC, Following Rehearsal**

**Sun., Dec. 16           Christmas Cantata, 10:00am – 11:00am  
Cookie Swap following Cantata  
Prudential Committee Meeting, Following Cantata**

**Wed., Dec. 19        OSC Hosts Community Dinner at Amer. Legion, 5:00pm**

Free and open to all community members!

Please contact Mary McNaughton if you're interested in helping with the following: providing a dish, setting up, serving, cleaning up.

**Tue., Dec. 25        Christmas Dinner, 12-2pm**

Free and open to all! Join us for the annually held Christmas Dinner, hosted by The McCabes and friends. If you're interested in helping with this dinner, please contact Kris or Ruth McCabe (or the church office for contact info).