



**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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Sandy Soho and Betsy Burghardt
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**Bridge Pastor
Guest Leaders
Director of Music
Accompanist
Guest Musician**

January 13, 2019 **First Sunday after Epiphany**

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE MOMENT *Missions & Benevolence Committee* (Mary McNaughton)

Each week through February, we'll be hearing a different *Committee Moment*: a glimpse into what each Committee is tasked with and has recently been working on.

Please listen to each one with an open heart, and prayerfully consider a position on one of these Committees as Annual Meeting Day (2/24) quickly approaches. How are you being called to help?

INTROIT

PRAYER FOR PEACE

(E. M. Burghardt)

I woke up this morning in a warm bed and prayed for peace.

We pray for all those who do not know what a new day will bring.

I had breakfast this morning and prayed for peace.

**We pray for all those who are hungry
and do not know how or when they will eat.**

I have felt love and know that God loves me too. I pray for peace.

**We pray for those who may never have felt love,
or feel that they are unlovable.**

I pray for peace for a world where love can abound.

**We pray for peace in Windsor, in Vermont,
in the United States, and in all the world. Amen.**

2.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Eunice T. McGarahan)

Lord God, You are a redeeming God.

It is not Your desire that any of your children should suffer.

You hear their cries and You come from heaven to save.

**As we gather to remember Your saving purposes
for all who are oppressed, give us minds, hearts
and wills to hear Your word to us and then live up to it.
We pray this in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(E. M. Burghardt)

**When our hearts are open, we can hear how You want us to help and
what we can step forward and do. Teach us how to help children who
are in need. May Your love be felt by:
parents who never learned how to parent,
families that are breaking and broken,
grandparents taking on parenting again,
by case workers and social workers, and those who are called to help,
by all those in the justice system, by foster parents, and Lord,
especially by the children, who should only have to know that they
are loved. Show us if we can be one of the people who can help build
resilience, so that moving forward they have a better chance.
We ask that You teach us what small step we can take to make a
difference in our world, to make it better, so that with Your strength
and guidance, we will show the abundant love You have given all
Your children, (and yes Lord, I know that means me), through all that
we do. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #467**

Fill the World with Love

(*Chalice*)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(E. M. Burghardt)

Loving God, You have led us through the story of the birth of Your son,
the visit of the wise men, and the fleeing of the holy family into Egypt.
Help us know the stories of the Bible and what they mean,
removed as we are by time and distance.

3.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(E. M. Burghardt)

We, too, are your children. You adopted us. But we have forgotten. We are busy, distracted, and often do not honor the gifts that You have given each and every one of us. Open our hearts, here and now, to those who need You, especially the most vulnerable children among us. Teach us how to use our gifts. Remind us that everything we do can make a difference. We know that if we listen to You, we may be taken out of our comfort zone. When it is Your will, help us say "I can," when our instinct may be to say, "But, I can't." Help us grow as a church family so we are stronger, more able, and can be better to share and minister to our community. Help us show Your love to all. Help me show my love, even when I'm not sure how.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

(E. M. Burghardt)

Over, and over, we have been told of God's limitless love.
When we make mistakes, when our lives go off track, God will love us.
Our lives are made new and hope is restored.

*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

SIMPLY SPEAKING

ANTHEM

God Bless the Child
Sandy Soho, a cappella

(Shania Twain)

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:11
(Page 552 in the Pew Bibles)

(Kathy Prevo, reader)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:34-40
(Page 759 in the Pew Bibles)

(Kathy Prevo, reader)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:46-48
(Page 792 in the Pew Bibles)

(Kathy Prevo, reader)

MESSAGE

It Really Does Take a Village

(Sandy Soho)

4.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #511**

Strong Gentle Children

(Chalice)

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

***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 #487**

Help Us Accept Each Other

(Chalice)

POSTLUDE

*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 January birthdays, including Chris Goulet, Heather Meeks, Stephanie Kalina, Erin Rice, Paula Dart, and Sandee Brassor. Happy birthday!

TODAY	Worship Service, 10:00am Coffee Hour, Following Worship
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Sat., Jan. 19th Coffeehouse! 7:00pm

Coffeehouses will be held at 7pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month, January through April. Questions? Contact Carl Goulet. We hope to see you there!

Tue., Jan. 29th Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm

Wed., Feb. 20th OSC Hosts Community Dinner, Amer. Legion, 5pm

If you'd like to bring a meal, help set up, serve, or clean up, please contact Mary McNaughton.

**Sun., Feb. 24th Worship Service, 10:00am
ANNUAL MEETING Following Potluck Luncheon**

All Committee Chairs are required to attend Annual Meeting. Everyone else is welcome to join in a lively discussion about the forward direction of Old South Church in the new year!

Music Ministry

All Adult Choir, Chime Choir, and WON rehearsals have been cancelled until 1/23, 1/24, and 1/27, respectively.