



**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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**December 30, 2018**

**First Sunday after Christmas**

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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 silenced during the service.***

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**

*Bethlehem Spiritual*

(Moore)

2.

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(Lectionary Liturgies)*

Snow-capped mountains and sand castles on beaches,  
**comets flashing across the night, meteors crashing into moons,**  
dolphins playing tag in the ocean and trout resting on river bottoms,  
**storks nesting on chimney tops, and doves cooing in the mornings,**  
children making angels in the snow, teenagers knotting in hallways,  
**grandparents watching favorite movies,**  
**nervous singles on a first date,**

All creation joins in one song:

**Praise the Lord!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(Lectionary Liturgies)*

Wrap us in the shawl of compassion, God of holiness,  
**so that this season of goodness and giving**  
**might last longer than the after-Christmas sales.**

Slip our hands into the gloves of humility, Brother of the overlooked,  
**so we might join in your work of rebuilding communities,**  
**feeding the hungry, embracing the outsiders.**

Teach us your patient ways, Wisdom from on high,  
**so we would learn to notice what we have in common with others,**  
**rather than what divides us; so we might offer kindness**  
**in the face of bitterness and hurt.**

God of Holiness, Brother of the Overlooked, Wisdom from on high,  
**may all we do with our hands, our hearts, our minds, our feet,**  
**our lives be done in Your Holy Name and with Your convicting power.**  
**So may it be. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #2004**

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

*(TFWS)*

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

*(Lectionary Liturgies)*

Before we put away the ornaments and put the tree out by the curb,  
before we toss the cards and wrapping paper into the recycling bin,  
before we store the movies and music back in the closet,  
let us confess how quickly we forget the true meaning of this holy season,  
as we offer our prayers to our God, saying,

### 3.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*(Lectionary Liturgies)*

**How patient You are with us, Loving Creator, and how hard we find it to put up with the foolishness of others. In humility, You became one of us, and we keep wanting everything to be about us. You model a life of meekness in service to others, and we are convinced life is all about power and success. All creation sings of Your kindness, while we hurl angry words at those we say we care about the most. Yet, rather than becoming frustrated with us, Joy of Christmas, You continue to forgive us. Clothe us with Your love, we pray, so we might be more compassionate towards others. Touch us with Your grace, so we might become more gentle people. Fill us with that peace which longs to reside in our hearts, even as we seek to continue our journey with the Child of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

*(Lectionary Liturgies)*

In these moments, let God's peace dwell in your hearts. For God gives us hope, gives us peace, and gives us new life in the forgiveness of God's grace. **We will be thankful, for in receiving God's forgiveness, we are enabled to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. 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**

*The Holly and the Ivy*

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#### **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!)

#### **HEBREW SCRIPTURE**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
(Page 200 in the Pew Bibles)

(John Dangelo)

#### **GOSPEL**

Luke 2:41-52  
(Page 784 in the Pew Bibles)

(John Dangelo)

#### **SERMON**

*Treasuring Curiosity*

4.

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

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #165**      Once in Royal David's City      (*Chalice*)

**INVITATION TO GIVING**

**OFFERTORY**      *Auld Lang Syne*      (Davis)

**\*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 #167**      Go, Tell It On the Mountain      (*Chalice*)

**POSTLUDE**

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

**5.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Worship Service, 10:00am Youth Group Hosts Coffee Hour, Following Worship</b>
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**Sun., Jan. 6th**      **Worship Service & Epiphany Pageant, 10:00am  
Coffee Hour, Following Worship Service**

**Sat., Jan. 19th**    **Coffeehouse! 7:00pm**

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

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

All Committee Chairs are required to attend. Others are welcome attend.

**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.