



*Hingham Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Hingham, Massachusetts*

***Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2015***

Welcoming Statement

In the name of God and Jesus Christ, the Hingham Congregational Church welcomes all who seek to know and worship God, and invites everyone to join in our mission through participation and leadership of the congregation.

As a community of faith, we take seriously the biblical call to love God and our neighbors as ourselves, and recognize that, although we are many members, we are one.

- ❖ We celebrate the uniqueness of everyone.
- ❖ We rejoice in our diversity of views and understandings of our shared faith.
- ❖ We affirm relationships based on love, commitment, and mutual respect.
- ❖ As is stated in our by-laws, we strive for righteousness, justice and peace.

It is with this spirit and the love of God that we openly welcome all persons, inclusive of every race, ethnicity, class, age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, and inclusive of any others, to journey with us as we move forward with the work of this church in the world.

*(Nursery care is available for children under age 3.
Rest Rooms are located down the back stairs and to your left.)*

Order of Worship

*Those who are able may stand

Prelude

We encourage you to take this opportunity to be in quiet prayer and reflection.

Ringling of the Sabbath Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Silence and Lighting of Candles

Introit *My Good Lord's Done Been Here*
Jr. Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus has called us to leave our comfortable ways and venture forward with him.

All: We are often afraid, and it is easier to stay put and remain bound to our habits.

Leader: God knows your fears and offers you healing.

All: Spirit of Christ, open our hearts and teach us your ways.

***Hymn** *God of Change and Glory* NCH (black) #177

***Opening Prayer**

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your Spirit, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust you. We pray in the Spirit of Jesus...

(Silent prayer)

***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.

***Words of Hope**

***Gloria** *Gloria, Gloria, In excelsis Deo!*
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Passing of the Peace**

Children's Message

Rev Brandon Harrington

(The children bring their offering forward as the congregation sings)



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You are the seed that will grow a new sprout, you're a star that will shine through the day.
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the night.
Go, my friends, go to the world, pro - claim - ing love to - all:
mes - sen - gers of my for - giv - ing peace, e - ter - nal love.

(After the Children's Message, children and teachers may be dismissed to their classes)

***Hymn**

I Would Be True

PH (red) #489

Sharing in the Mission and Ministry of the Church

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Offering *Home In-a That Rock* Marvin Curtis

*Presentation of the Offering and the Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: "Mentor"

Rev. Dr. Peter W. Allen

Piano Meditation

Prayers of the People of God

(Prayer concerns may be written in the book at the back of the church or voiced at this time.)

Joys & Concerns – Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

***Hymn** *Dear God, Embracing Human Kind* NCH (black) #502

***Congregational Commissioning** (in unison)

As we leave this place of worship,

let us work to create Christ's realm of love, justice, and peace.

May we live as the Holy One requires:

doing justice,

loving kindness,

and walking humbly with our God.

Amen.

***Benediction**

Postlude

The congregation is invited to sit quietly and enjoy the postlude.



Deacons of the Day: Debbie Edmundson and Nancy Ham

Liturgist: Kathy Beitler