



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

**Sunday, January 4, 2015
Young Adult Sunday
Second Sunday in Christmastide
Sacrament of Communion**

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 backstairs and to your left.)*

Order of Worship

*You are invited to stand, if able.

Prelude *We invite you to be in silent prayer and contemplation.*

Ringing of the Sabbath Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Silence and Lighting of Candles

The light of Christ is brought forward and the altar candles are lit.

Introit

I'll Fly Away

Trad.

Conor Fortin and Whit Hall, *guitar and vocals*

Call to Worship

Bethany Lamonde

Leader: As you walk with us, as we journey together, ☐

All: Spirit of Christ, your word fills our lives.

Leader: As you speak with us, as your way is revealed,

All: We come to know your love more deeply,

Leader: As we share the bread of life in community,

All: May your fire burn in our hearts!

*Hymn

What Child is This?

PH (red) #140

*Children in grades eight and under may be dismissed for Children's Church.
Please leave food offerings in the baskets on the way out of the Sanctuary.*

*UCC Statement of Faith

NCH (black) #885

Caroline Comins

*Litany of Confession

Olivia Burr

Leader: Gracious God, we're afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves, yet you see us as we really are.

All: Open our eyes, we pray.

Leader: Even when we refuse to listen to your wisdom, you hear us when we call your name.

All: Open our ears, we pray.

Leader: Though you gave us the light to share with the world, we too often keep it hidden to ourselves.

All: Open our mouths, we pray.

***Hymn** *Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year* NCH (black) #431

Sacrament of Holy Communion

(The table is open to all. Parents, please assist your children.)

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Please pass the plate past yourself and allow your neighbor to hold the plate for you. Please hold the elements until all are served. Gluten free crackers are in the center of the plate.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus; for love that cannot die; for peace the world cannot give; for joy in the company of friends; for the glory of creation; for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this Holy meal: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

***Hymn** *O for a World* NCH (black) #575

***Congregational Commissioning** (in unison) Claire von Loesecke
Brothers and sisters, may we leave this place of worship with Christ's spirit in our hearts. May we encourage the fainthearted: help the weak; practice patience with all; seek to do good; rejoice always; pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us. Praise be to God!

***Benediction**

Postlude *Please remain seated in quiet reflection during the postlude.*

