

ORDER OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday in Lent
Celebration of Communion
February 21, 2016

Prelude Adagio, (1845)
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

**All who are able, please rise.*

Beautiful are the works of God!

Beautiful are all the colors of God's people.

Beautiful is the mind of God.

Beautiful are the names of all God's people.

adapted, Trinity UCC, Chicago

*Hymn No. 231 I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Alternate Hymn Tune ELLACOMBE

*Prayer of Awareness

Spirit of life and hope, may we be aware of your presence among us. □

Awaken us again to the mysteries that humble us, □ the realities that orient us, □

the fellowship that sustains us, □ that we may give ourselves in honesty

and openness □ to the life before us. Amen.

Anthem Lift thine eyes *from Elijah*, (1846)
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Lesson from the Hebrew and Christian Scripture Exodus 34: 29 – 35; Luke 9: 28 - 36

Sermon

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the Church and the World, Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Father, your name be revered. Impose your divine rule.

Provide us with the bread we need for the day.

Forgive our debts to the extent that we have forgiven those in debt to us.

Amen. *an older form, from the Q Gospel*

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory Cast thy burden upon the Lord *from Elijah*, (1846)
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*The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

God's praise, ye host on high proclaim,

Who doth create, redeem, sustain. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

As we gather at this table may this bread and this cup remind us of Jesus' table fellowship and of his healing relationship with us.

May our fellowship with one another and our care for each other become for us the real presence of Jesus in our midst. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

The Sacrament of Communion is offered to all who are present.

Invitation To Communion

Sisters and brothers, the Gospel tells us that Jesus was raised from the dead, and on that same day he sat at a table with two disciples, and he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. We gather here at this table to break bread with Jesus in our midst. This is the table to which we come to celebrate life and to remember our past, which is enfolded into and transformed by God's future. This is God's inclusive table to which all are invited.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God, men and women, youth and children, who come from east and west, from north and south, to gather at God's table. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us, thanks be to God. Amen

Communion Hymn No. 368 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine *BUCKLAND*

Words of Institution

Sharing The Bread and The Cup

Communion will be served by intinction.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We give you thanks, O God, that you have renewed us at your table
in fellowship with one another and with Jesus. Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another, and send us into the world
to serve you in courage and peace. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *See insert*

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

SILVER SPRING

*Benediction

The Peace of God go with you, sisters and brothers.

And also with you.

Postlude

Fugue in C major, (1845)
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

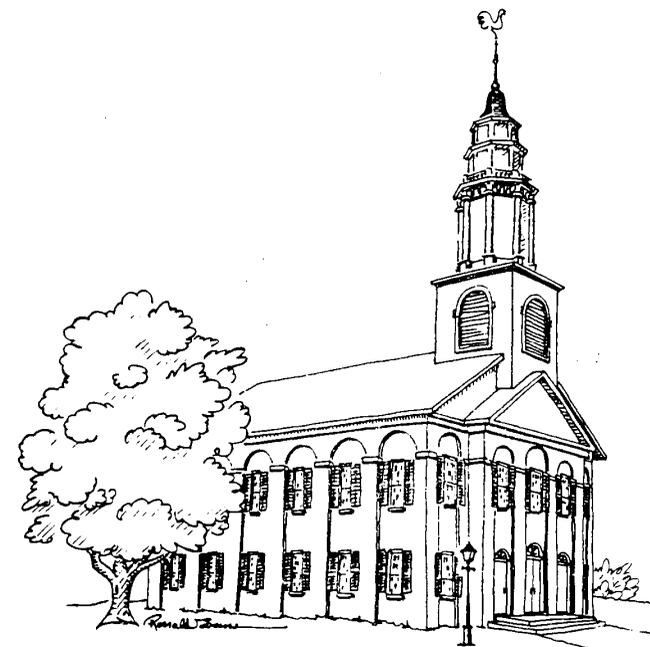
The congregation is invited to remain seated for the Postlude.

Announcements

Lenten Discussion Group, February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, after coffee hour, we will meet for discussion around a different topic each week. These discussions are open to everyone and are not dependent on the previous week's discussion. This week's topic: Religion and Politics 2016. We will meet in the Arms Building, Room 60, on the Deerfield Campus (*the building behind the church, to the left, use second ramp on the right*).

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*Welcome to
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An Open and Affirming Congregation

“The Brick Church Meetinghouse”
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