

**First Congregational Church of Montague, Trinitarian,
Montague, MA
January 18, 2015 Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Meditation: "I know full well that I have not a single work which is pure, but I am baptized, and through my baptism God, who cannot lie, has bound himself in a covenant with me." Martin Luther

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Loving God, your Spirit calls us together this day to worship your name, be filled with your word, and be equipped to serve you.

All: Help us leave our cares and worries at your feet, that we might attend fully to your presence with us today. May our worship glorify you, and bring us closer to your loving Son, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

God of presence and promise, your word was made flesh in Jesus the Christ. As he listened to you and lived his life according to your will, so we listen and long for deepened awareness of your nearness, and for increased sensitivity to your voice. Tune us to hear your voice, and having heard you speaking, O God, help us to answer with lips that praise you and lives that honor you in willing response. Amen.

Hymn: #15R Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Children's Church

Prayer of Confession

One: Trusting in God whose mercy knows no bounds, let us reflect on our need for grace, making confession together.

All: Loving God, we know your voice calls us, and we should go. But often we listen instead to many other voices: the ones that say "Stay quiet," the ones that urge "Me alone," the ones that mock "You are not worthy." Forgive us the times that we stray. Give us ears to hear your voice above all others. Then grant us the courage to respond to that call. Amen.

Words of Assurance

When we stray, our Lord only wants for us to turn back to God, so we can receive the forgiveness already obtained for us by Jesus Christ. Because of what Jesus did, and for his sake, your sins are forgiven that you may live an amended life, and have joy in hearing God's voice.

Gloria Patri 513 R

Choral Anthem

Responsive Reading: #106R, Psalm 139 p. 537

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, p.229

Gospel: John 1:43-51 p.80

Sermon: To Know and Be Known

Hymn: Insert-Here I Am Lord

Prayers

Joys and Concerns

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And with your spirit**

L: Let us join in prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever Amen.**

Prayer Response

Offering

Invitation to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Doxology #514 **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. (Alternate: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.) Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self: Jesus, you reminded your followers that where our treasure is, our hearts will turn. Grant that as we return to you a small portion of what you have first given us, our hearts may follow all the way, finding their true home in you. Then may these gifts, given in your name, minister to the needs of those whom you love and further the gospel we are sent to proclaim. Amen.

Hymn # 370 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

Benediction

Benediction Response Depart in peace to do God's will; walk ever in the light; for Christ is with us evermore, to guide us day and night. (Tune of Amazing Grace)

Postlude

Announcements

**Please join us at coffee hour immediately following worship
Jan 25 10:30-12:00- Open House Grange Hall to see renovations
done to coat room & front hall**

**Prayer Garden: Bob Burns, The Zaniewski Family, Brian
Felix, Connie, Ken Stawasz**

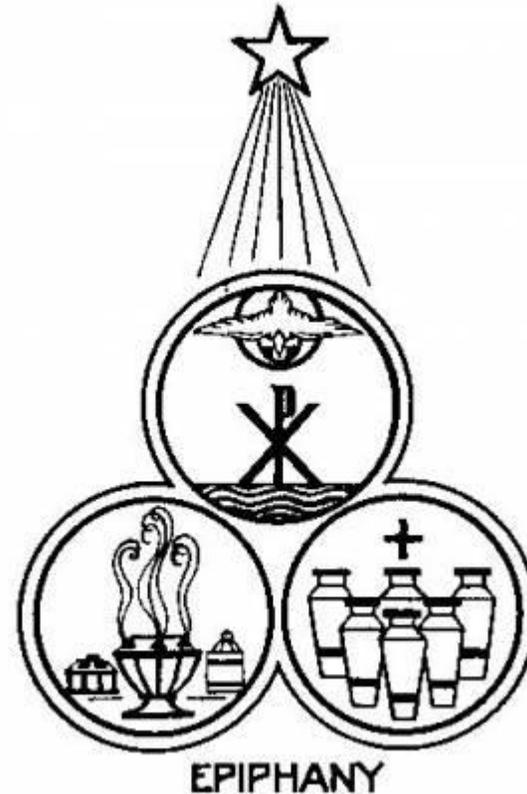
Community Meals

First Monday of every month at 5:30pm at Our Lady of Peace Church in Turners. Please volunteer to help out.

Deacon for the month of January is Jeanette Emond ,413-423-3660

**Please fill out the pew card or let a deacon or Pastor Barb know if you would like a visit or have a prayer concern. **

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