

MEDITATION:

MUSICAL PRELUDE.

CALL FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hear the words of the revelation to John: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away

P: "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

L: "He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

P: "he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

L: "And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(all in unison, please stand if able)*

Holy God, in Christ Jesus, you brought light into the darkness of the earth. We gather to worship you who are creating a new order. We are being changed; old things are passing away, and the new is coming, as surely as day follows night and life follows death.

Help us to see and believe the vision of the new life you give.

As we seek and are open to ongoing conversion in our own lives by your Spirit, may we be partners with Christ in spreading your light throughout the world. Amen.

HYMN: *(please stand if able)*# 10B Lord of the Dance

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(all in unison)*

Transforming God, we confess the struggle within us, for we both desire and fear change. We are disquieted by so much that we see, hear, and experience that is contrary to your way of peace, love, mercy, and justice in the world. Yet we resist life as ongoing

process, and are reluctant to accept the change that is built into the very fabric of creation – the old order passing and giving way to the new. We confess our need for your Spirit to enable us to let go of what is passing and to embrace what is coming. Forgive the weakness of our faith, O God, which leads us to doubt that what you are about in this world will be accomplished. Forgive us, and change us now, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Jesus' bearing the cross for our sake, in dying, and rising, a completely new order was established for us and for all creation. Christ opened the way for us to let go of the old life with its sin and regrets, and to embrace, by the enabling of the Holy Spirit, a changed life. We can trust that we are a forgiven people in Christ.

GLORIA PATRI 513R *(all in unison, please stand if able)*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Responsive Reading: #82R, Psalm's 61, 62, p. 524

Hebrew Bible: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 p.814

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 p.30

SERMON:

HYMN *(please stand if able)* #6B Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

L: Let us join in prayer. The Lord be with you.

P: And with your spirit

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*all in unison*) **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 #514R (*all in unison, please stand if able*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (alternate: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost)

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self: (*all in unison, please stand if able*) **Transforming God, through the Holy Spirit you continue to manifest the new life inaugurated at Christ's coming to earth. And you call those who follow Jesus to share in your earth-renewing enterprise. May the gifts we offer now be symbols of our eagerness to answer your call. Amen.**

HYMN # 406R Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

BENEDICTION

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First Congregational Church of Montague,
Trinitarian



January 25, 2015

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