



Communion
Worship

FORMING DISCIPLES



TRANSFORMING LIVES

OUR VISION

We are called together
to embrace God's transformation
of our lives and our world
by becoming and serving as Christ's disciples.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF STOUGHTON
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING!

Please help foster an atmosphere of quiet, prayer and meditation. As a community striving to be inclusive of all, we encourage each of you to sing and pray using language which is most comfortable to you.

We invite you to take a moment of silence and pray:

Holy God, I come to honor you in worship today.

I ask that all the things of this week that can crowd you out of my heart be set aside by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Open my heart and mind to meet you and receive you today. Amen.

GATHERING

PRELUDE, CHIMES, THE LIGHT COMES TO US

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us now join our hearts, minds and voices in worshipping God.

INTROIT

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

❖ **GATHERING HYMN** (*standing*)

ENCOUNTERING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

❖ **HYMN OF PREPARATION** (*standing*)

#393 (v. 1)

"One Bread, One Body"

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

One cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth,

We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

One cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth,

We are one body in this one Lord.

❖ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

COMMUNING

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE INVITATION/PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

(Please hold each element until all have been served.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/LORD'S PRAYER

(please use the wording with which you are most comfortable)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

(Children may leave for their classes during the following response.)

SUNG RESPONSE *(seated)* "Give Thanks" #528, adapt.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks!

RESPONDING

THE JOYFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

❖ **DOXOLOGY** *(standing)* (Tune: *Old Hundredth*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;

One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(standing)*

CARING

LIFTING UP OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

QUIET PRAYER/LIGHTING OF VOTIVES

During this time of quiet prayer and meditation, you are invited forward to light a votive candle as a tangible prayer for the people and concerns you are holding in your heart this morning.

SILENT PRAYER *(We will spent one full minute in silence.)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

LISTENING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

- ❖ **THE GLORIA PATRI** (*standing*) #35
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

COMMUNION MEDITATION

DEPARTING

- ❖ **SENDING HYMN** (*standing*)
- ❖ **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION** (*standing*)
- ❖ **THE LIGHT GOES INTO THE WORLD** (*standing*)
- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (*standing*) #433, v. 1
"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"
*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

POSTLUDE

- ❖ *Standing as you are able*

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please place it in one of the recycling boxes at the back of
the sanctuary so it can be used again. Thank you!*

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to form disciples of Christ
and transform our lives, and the lives of others, through Christ.
We do this by nurturing our relationship with God
through the spiritual practices of
daily prayer, weekly worship, daily bible reading,
serving within and beyond our church,
developing spiritual relationships, and giving generously.

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