

**THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
United Church of Christ  
Middlebury, Vermont

February 5, 2012

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*Our mission is to live as Jesus taught, loving God  
and loving our neighbors as ourselves.*

PRELUDE “And All the Bells Rang Out the Good News”  
– Daniel Pinkham

INTROIT “Great Day” *Junior Bell Choir*  
Spiritual, arr. Anna Laura Page

WELCOME

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100) *Hunter Munteanu*  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come into God’s presence with singing.

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving,  
and God’s courts with praise.  
Give thanks to God, bless God’s name.

**For God is good.  
God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

\*HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” #4

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\* the congregation is invited to stand

**(Bold print designates a collective response)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Search me, O God, and know my heart. (Ps. 139:23)  
Gracious God, hear us now as we confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
God's love is greater than the sum of our sins.  
By the grace of God, known to us in Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE "Spirit of the Living God" #259

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-39 *Abby Gleason*

HOMILY Growing Down, Growing Up

\*HYMN "As Pants the Hart" (see below)

OFFERING

Invitation

Collection of Gifts

Offertory Anthem "A Hudson Cycle" *Nathan Kloczko*  
Nico Muhly

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Gathering of Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and the 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. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn (seated) "Let Us Break Bread Together"

#425

Invitation

*All are welcome to share in Holy Communion.  
Children's participation in Communion is at the  
discretion of their parents or guardians.*

*As a symbol of Christian community, we will wait for all  
to be served before eating the bread. As a symbol of our  
personal relationships with God, we will drink the cup  
(juice) as we receive it. Upon request deacons will provide  
non-gluten rice crackers for those with a dietary restriction.*

Communion Prayer

*Eryn Diehl*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”  
Chancel Choir with Helen Wright, violin

Lloyd Larson

“On Wings of Love and Prayer”  
Junior Bells

Douglas E. Wagner

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for all people, and send us forth into the world with courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#25

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

– setting by Jan Bender

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Andy Nagy-Benson, Pastor

Jeff Buettner, Organist

Jennifer Smith, Director of Youth and Children’s Ministries

Margaret Carothers, John Wallace, Dorothy Douglas, Bill Fifield

Deacons

Jack and Kate Wallace, Deacons’ assistants

Josie Abbott, Candlelighter

Aimee, Stephen, Kyra, and Eryn Diehl, Greeters

Mona and Larry Rogers, Pat Zeliff, Fellowship Hour

We thank Nathan Kloczko, the Junior Bell Choir, the Chancel Choir and Helen Wright, violin, for sharing their musical gifts with us.

This church regards all persons with equal respect and concern. It is open to and affirming of all persons, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, age, nationality, marital status, or physical, mental, or emotional disability.