

A SERVICE FOR EARLY MORNING
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19, 2025
8:30 a.m.



WINTER MORNING'S WALK

Winter mornings, early,
I walk in darkness,
the whole world lost from sight
in that endless cold
stretching out from the little place
where I am.
But it is enough
to see one step at a time,
to attend to a new day's beginning
with silent thoughts
and simple prayers,
to notice the smallest gifts
in this early walking.
I wave at a car passing by,
a passing benediction
as its headlights illuminate
the snowy street,
a tree full of sleeping birds,
a house not yet awake
where a silent blessing rests.
Farther on, a light fills a window,
and another child of God
rises into a morning
as the slightest sign of dawn
paints pink
the edge of the world.
And the Holy One offers us
the promise of another day.



--Timothy Haut

PRELUDE *Jacklyn Belmonte, Organist*
A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS
CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal and Almighty God, we praise you that you cause the sun to rise to bring us the light of this new day and that you raised Christ from the dead to bring us new life. May our lives always face his brightness so we may go wherever he leads, serving in gladness and peace. Amen.

*HYMN #548 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

PRAYERS OF JOY, PRAYERS OF NEED

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD *Selections from Matthew*

A MESSAGE FOR TODAY *"Love Will Prevail"*

PRAYER *Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna*

*HYMN #519 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

BENEDICTION



Thank you for coming this morning. Though it is winter outside, we hope you will feel the warmth of God's love today! You are invited to place your weekly offerings in the plate as you exit the church. Please join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall following the service.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 19, 2025
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Jacklyn Belmonte, Organist*
BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord Lanny Wolf*
GATHERING WORDS *Eric Brown, Lay Reader*
*OPENING HYMN #548 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Rev. Timothy E. Haut*
PRAYER

*HYMN #2222 *The Servant Song*
(*Our children will be excused to their Sunday School classes.*)

A PSALM FOR TODAY *Psalm 36:5-10 (p 771., Red Hymnal)*

*RESPONSE *Gloria Patri #7*
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.

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*"trespasses"*)

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

*RESPONSE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
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. Amen.

ANTHEM *Assurance John Ness Beck*

EPISTLE LESSON *1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (p.1046)*
GOSPEL LESSON *Selections from Matthew*
SERMON *"Love Will Prevail" Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna*
*CLOSING HYMN #519 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*
BENEDICTION
CHORAL CLOSING *Danish Amen*
POSTLUDE *Jacklyn Belmonte, Organist*

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The Flowers are given by Carol Zuppe in celebration of our wonderful church.

Our Ushers this morning are Susan & Bruce Lighty.

Thank you to Jim Caronna for doing the live stream today.

Thank you to Jacklyn Belmonte for directing the choir and playing the organ for our services today.

Deacons on Duty for January 2025

Sally Marston is Deacon on Call, Gary Savona is Sanctuary Rep., and Carol Zuppe is arranging for Lay Readers and Flowers.

Birthdays This Week

Steve Bibbiani, Charles Johnston, Wendy White, Jenna LaMonaco, Erin LaMonaco, Corallina Giuliano (Today); Joe Campos, Melanie Norris, Donna Zanardi, Melina Roise, Alix Walmsley (20); Matthew Nastro, Kelly Hyatt (21); Carly Callahan, Kollmer, Sr., Marion Stiehl (22); Travis Gaharan (23); Janna Moen, Karen (Taber) Esposito, Church Tower, Philip Klinck, Chloe Alsback (24); Sheila Carlson, Sue Knirsch (25).

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