

**Trinitarian Congregational Church**  
**TakeOut**  
**Lent 2 B**  
**February 28, 2021**

**Bells** <https://youtu.be/-6qZ9A6GFik>

**Announcements**

**Prelude** Nearer, My God, to Thee  
Lowell Mason, arr. by Mark Hayes  
[https://youtu.be/oOrTF93\\_8ko](https://youtu.be/oOrTF93_8ko)

**Call to Worship** Marion Scott, Rosemary Dawson

Leader: We are invited to walk with God.

We are welcomed by God as people of the covenant.

**People: How awesome to stand in the presence of our Creator!**

**We gather to pray and worship our God.**

Leader: God calls us and gives us new names.

We are summoned to faithfulness and fruitfulness.

**People: God not only speaks to us but also listens.**

**God hears our cries and meets our need.**

Leader: Let the ends of the earth remember and turn to God.

Let the families of all the nations worship the Creator.

**People: We will pay our vows to the One who calls us.**

**We honor the God of all nations and all peoples.**

**\*Hymn** Come Thou Almighty King  
<https://youtu.be/SJax0cRvOcc>

## 2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might-y King, help us thy name to sing;  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer-ci-ful, might-y Lord,  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com-fort - er, thy sa-cred wit - ness bear  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter-nal prais-es be,

7 help us to praise: Fa - ther, all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic-  
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo-ple bless, and give thy  
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - mighty art, now rule in  
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sovereign maj-es - ty may we in

12 to - ri - ous, come, and reign o - ver us, An-cient of Days.  
 word suc-cess; Spir - it of ho - li-ness, on us de-scend.  
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de-part, Spir - it of power.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter-ni - ty love and a - dore.

*Glory to God 2*  
 TEXT: *Collection of Hymns for Social Worship*, 1757, alt.  
 MUSIC (ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4): Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.

## Gathering Prayer

Marion Scott

**We gather before you, wondrous God, with praise for your goodness and faithfulness to us. Your promises have remained true through all generations. In Jesus Christ we see the depth of your commitment and are awed by his steadfastness. We hear his call to follow him in the way of the cross and we are daunted. Meet us here today with the help we need that we may grow in our discipleship and in our service. May we become the living expression of your grace among our community and throughout our world. Amen.**

## Gloria Patri

<https://youtu.be/OLz3R1hnUjs>

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, reign without end. Amen, amen.

## Scripture Reading

Psalm 105:1-11

Marion Scott

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
- <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- <sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
- <sup>6</sup> O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- <sup>7</sup> He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
- <sup>8</sup> He is mindful of his covenant forever,  
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
- <sup>9</sup> the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,
- <sup>10</sup> which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- <sup>11</sup> saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."

Mark 8:31-38

Rosemary Dawson

- <sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
- <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake

of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**Special Music**

Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit  
arranged H.T. Burleigh

Peter Shea

<https://youtu.be/R5QwgKrVKeA>

**Sermon**

The [Not So] Fine Print

Recently the church bought a new computer for my office and I thank Gwen for all the work she did setting it up. I have also been adding other programs to it. And with every program comes, at least once if not more, the legal use agreement; a mind-numbing document spelling out all the expectations and limits of the user and creator. And before you can go anywhere you have to click the button that says ‘I have read the document and agree to the terms’. So how many of you, of us, click but never read? Oh yeah. Ever think about how that might come back to bite you in the butt?

That’s how I feel about today’s scripture. Way back in chapter one, right after his baptism, Jesus invites some folks to ‘follow me’. And immediately Andrew, Peter, James and John drop everything, no questions asked, and follow. ‘I agree, click’. So they start to live with Jesus, get to know him and Wow! His wise teachings, his authority, his healings, his miracles, his power. And slowly it dawns on them – Hey! He’s, he’s, he’s the Messiah! Here is God’s promise in the flesh – Woo-Hoo! Man, I’m so glad I ‘clicked’ yes. This is going to be great! And that is when the ‘warning sign’ flashes. Your program needs an update! (Yeah, more like a full rewrite!)

Just before today’s reading, at Caesarea Philippi, Peter proclaims, for all the disciples, ‘You are the Christ’, which is great. Peter gets it, but he doesn’t get it – yet. So Jesus immediately begins to teach his disciples all about what being the Messiah really would be. It was not a reality Peter, or any of them, expected or wanted. For the disciples, for the Jews of Jesus’ day, suffering under oppression, they wanted a hero, a Moses who would lead them to freedom and a David who would sit on a glorious throne. But Jesus said ‘not gonna happen. Here’s the real program – suffering, rejection, death... and then resurrection.’

It threw Peter so hard that he started to chastise Jesus, and got reprimanded in return. Why? Because all Peter’s thinking, all the disciple’s expectations were in the wrong direction and had the wrong focus. Their concerns were based on a human perspective, on the world’s values, rather than from God’s agenda and purpose. (And to be fair, could it be any other way?) But that is where the correction needs to happen. Our ‘program’ needs to be rewritten – from a whole new base code. It is the code that would lead Jesus to say ‘not my will, but thine be done.’ And it is a code he would call all his disciples to follow, a code he challenges us to follow.

‘If any one would come after me, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me’. That is no easy code, now is it? It certainly isn’t the scouting pledge. But then it is not meant to be. That code is true and real and hard because it is based on one line, one bit of data, we always seem to resist. – If you want to save your life, lose it, give it away. Want to gain the world, all that ‘good life’ the world promises – it will cost you your life in the end, even your soul.

To me it sounds like a glitch that will crash the system. Jesus Christ says ‘nope – system has crashed – I’m here to give you a reboot.’ He says ‘you can’t build a system – a life – on self. (We’ve been trying that since Adam). A true life, a vital life, a real life is built on God, on God’s ways, on the One who “so loved the world that he gave...” True life is built on “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And your neighbor as yourself.’

Is such a life costly? You bet. It will cost you your life. Jesus chose that life – and it led him to a cross. It also led him to glory. For him, for us, it is the only way. Click if you agree.

Amen.

## **Hymn**

The Summons

<https://youtu.be/djH-yo82ysA>

# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me tum and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F<sup>2</sup>m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Text John Bell and Graham Maule  
 Music Scottish melody arr. John Bell

Kevingrove  
 7.6.7.6.7.7.7.6.

## Joys and Concerns

As you meet with God in prayer, please lift up the joys and concerns shared through the Trumpet Blast. God is eager to be your help and strength, to listen to you and meet your needs. Prayer is a gift we can always use. If you would like the church to pray for you please contact pastor Rosemary or Michele Lawler.

## Prayers of the People

Gracious God, we thank you and praise you today for your mercy and grace towards us. We thank you for Jesus Christ, who willingly came among us, to follow your will and bring us redemption, even at the cost of his life on the cross. And we thank you for your Spirit, who calls us to follow Christ with the same commitment, body and soul. It is a demanding call, O God, and so we come before you, asking for the encouragement and strength we need, that we might live as true disciples of our Savior.

We pray for your church and for this congregation. May the cross be the center of our lives; may its wonder awe us, its power transform us, and its purpose direct us. Grant to each of us hearts that are moved by your grace and spirits that are willing to follow you with all our life, that we may be living witnesses to Christ.

We pray, as well for our world and its leaders. May the life of Christ move them to be fully committed to your righteous purposes, for the life and well-being of all people. And we pray for all who need your care today. Grant your support to the struggling, your guidance to the perplexed, and your hope to the weary. Grant also your healing to the ill, your comfort to the mourning, and your aid to the needy. We especially lift up... and we thank you for... And be with us as we seek to serve our neighbors in faith and faithfulness to you.

We praise you, Holy God, for the depth of your mercy and grace and steadfast love toward us, through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

## The Lord's Prayer

### Choral Response

[https://youtu.be/IAivVHv\\_mbc](https://youtu.be/IAivVHv_mbc)

### Special Music

I Don't Feel No-Ways Tired  
arranged H. T. Burleigh  
<https://youtu.be/htu2qBAcqR0>

Peter Shea

## Offering

Jesus Christ challenges the values of this world, and calls us to invest our lives in that which truly matters. We are called to give all that we have and all that we are to the fulfilment of God's will among us. Let us dedicate our gifts in faithfulness and hope.

O God, we are truly grateful for the cross, for the depth your love and grace would go for us. In turn, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our faith in you. Use them to draw us closer to you and to extend your blessing to the world. Amen.

## Doxology

<https://youtu.be/5I7PEGUPAXQ>

## Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

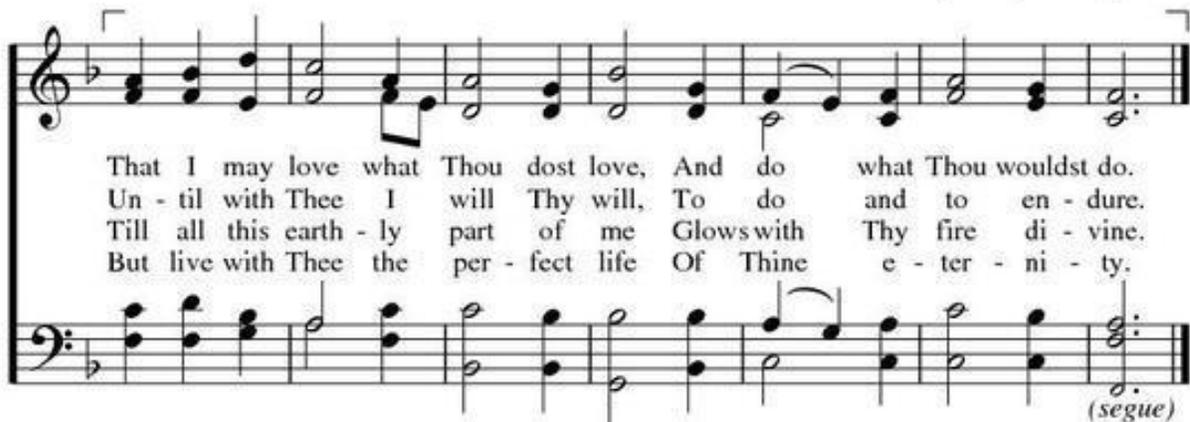
<https://youtu.be/tXPSyYxWMlc>

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God 334

*He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22*



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,



That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.  
Un - til with Thee I will Thy will, To do and to en - dure.  
Till all this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch  
MUSIC: Robert Jackson

(segue)  
TRENTHAM  
6.6.8.6.(S M.)

**Common Commission**

**Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Benediction**

Go now into the world

And may God make you worthy of your high calling; may God fulfill in you every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:11b-12, adj

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

**Postlude**

Be Still, My Soul  
(with "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is")  
Arr. by Marilyn Ham  
<https://youtu.be/Fpfrf2u3xIE>

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*Music provided by Chris Harris and Lynne Walker  
and Special Music by Peter Shea*

Guest vocalist Peter Shea has sung professionally for nearly 50 years throughout New England and the Hudson Valley. He is a section leader in the choir of Edwards Church in Northampton, and hopes to resume singing in the coming months.

Today, the final day of Black History Month, Peter is singing two African-American spirituals arranged by Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949), student of Antonin Dvorak, and one of the most important Black composers of his generation.