

West Gloucester Trinitarian Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday February 12, 2012 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

The Congregation, Ministers Rev. Michael Gelsomini, Pastor and Teacher

Rev. Dr. Llewellyn P. Smith, Minister Emerita Ms. Jocelyn Chaparro, Minister of Music

We offer this time for your quiet reflection.

PRELUDE *Consolation No. 2*

F. Lizst

GREETING/CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Mr. F. Chester Roberts

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come let us rejoice together;

**People: God is present with us.**

Leader: Sing praises to God all you faithful ones.

**People: We praise God who restores us to life morning after morning. We will extol our God who lifts us up.**

Leader: Come to be washed and cleansed, forgiven and freed.

**People: We give thanks to God's holy name!** Adapted from Led by Love)

**"Sung Amen" by the Congregation**

+ GATHERING HYMN #341 *Jesus Shall Reign*

+ OPENING PRAYER *(Unison)*

**Holy One, you speak to us in many ways and in many forms, but we do not always listen. We think we know better, we let pride get in the way. We stand before you now, dropping our barriers, opening ourselves to you, recognizing that you alone are God, our strength, our redeemer and worthy of all of our praise. Amen**

+ GLORIA PATRI

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

RESPONSE: (tune #719 please remain seated)

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;*

*Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;*

*In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,*

*Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Jesus My Joy* (Chorale)

Zachau

JOYS & CONCERNS/COMMUNITY PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

+ 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, forever. Amen**

+ HYMN #461 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE 2 KINGS 5: 1-14

GOSPEL READING MARK 1: 40-45

SERMON *A Proud Man*

Rev. Michael

Gelsomini

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Morning Song No. 1*

Boellmann

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE (tune #147)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

**God of glory and strength, we share this offering with you as a response to your powerful acts in our own lives. May they be used to bless others, spreading your message of love and hope. Amen**

+ CLOSING HYMN #16 *The God of Abraham Praise*

**BENEDICTION/RESPONSE - #716 God be with you till we meet again, By his counsels guide, uphold you. With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.**

*After the singing of the benediction response, please feel free to remain standing and to greet one another in a sign of peace as you are leaving the sanctuary.*

*+ Those who are able, please stand.*

Grace and peace, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are our guest, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex. Where ever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Following worship, everyone is invited downstairs in the Vestry for refreshments and conversation.

Refreshments this morning have been provided by Lois Serrin.

Child care available downstairs in the Nursery Room.

Please turn off cell phones and pagers.

The flowers today are given by Lauri Burke in loving memory of her mother, Eunice Burke.

#### Announcements

Refreshments. There are some open dates on the Sign-Up Sheet in the Vestry for volunteers to provide refreshments on Sunday mornings following worship. Please help in this fellowship experience.

Visit us on our website. [www.westgloucesterchurch.org](http://www.westgloucesterchurch.org) Perhaps some of you are unaware that we have a website thanks to Brian Spinney in far-off South Carolina. Tell your friends and neighbors to check on what's happening at WGTCC.

Pastoral Requests Rev. Michael Gelsomini, Pastor and Teacher 978 283 2817

#### Calendar

Today. Deacons meeting following worship.

Tomorrow. Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM.

Tuesday, February 14. Ladies Aid meeting in the Vestry, 10:30 AM.

Sunday, February 19. Development of Behavioral Covenant after worship.

Tuesday, February 21. Worship and Communion service at Seacoast, 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

Saturday, February 25. West Parish Senior Lunch.

Sunday, February 26. Development of Behavioral Covenant after worship.

Tuesday, February 28. CE meeting, 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, March 7. Community spaghetti dinner. 6:00 PM.

#### Church Officers

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