

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINDSOR, VERMONT
Sunday, August 20, 2017
Pastor Mandy's Last Worship Service at OSC
Part 1**

INTROIT

Hinei Ma Tov

(Hebrew Folk Song)

"Hinei ma tov (Behold how good); Uma nayim (And how pleasing);
Shevet achim gam yachad (When brothers and sisters sit together in Unity)"

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from *The Message*, Psalm 122)

When they said, "Let's go to the house of God," my heart leaped for joy.

And now we're here, at Old South Church, UCC, we're within her walls.

Old South Church, well-built as a place for worship!

The church to which the people ascend, all God's people go up to worship,

To give thanks to the name of God—

this is what it means to be the inhabitants of Windsor.

We will pray for Windsor's peace!

Prosperity to all you God-lovers!

For the sake of all our family and friends, I say it again: live in peace!

For the sake of the house of our God,

we reply, "Loving God, I'll do my very best for You."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(St. Ignatius Loyola, *The Book of a Thousand Prayers*)

Lord Jesus Christ, fill us, we pray, with Your light that we may reflect Your wondrous glory. So fill us with Your love that we may count nothing too small to do for You, nothing too much to give, and nothing too hard to overcome.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #16**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(Chalice)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(Touch Holiness)

Beloved, God does not disappoint those who come in hope,
nor does God turn away those who approach in faith.

Let us make our confession to God in hope and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Eric Milner-White, *The Book of a Thousand Prayers*)

Suffer us, O Lord, never to think that we have knowledge enough to need no teaching, wisdom enough to need no correction, talents enough to need no grace, goodness enough to need no progress, humility enough to need no repentance, devotion enough to need no quickening, strength sufficient without Your Spirit; lest standing still, we fall back for evermore.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

(Flames of the Spirit)

Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us
and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love.

Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and given life anew.

Amen and Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI #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.**