

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

Sermon

**“New name, new you”**

Rev. Maxwell Grant

Offertory

\*Offertory Hymn 466

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\*Doxology (Hymn 592)

\*Prayer of Dedication

*You have sheltered us in your flock, O God. You have gathered us in your arms and lifted us into your lap. May the gifts we offer you this day, reflect in some small measure, the immense gratitude we feel for the generosity of your love. Amen.*

Joys & Concerns/Lord’s Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

(A time for silent personal reflection.)

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer (“debts”)

\*Passing The Peace

\*Hymn 442

*The Church’s One Foundation*

\*Commissioning and Benediction

\*Postlude

Gospel Medley

(\* Please stand

The Christmas Trees and the Garlands are given in loving memory of Helen Halbert Hicks, as provided by the Endowment fund established by her husband, Dr. Henry Hicks.

*Thank you to **Stacey Brown** for hosting coffee hour this morning.*

### 2017 Donations

2017 is quickly coming to an end! It would be helpful to the church office if pledge payments could be completed prior to Christmas. For your tax records, payments must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31. Please be sure to clearly mark on your check to which year the funds should be applied (2017, or 2018 if you are prepaying).

Stock donations are a great way to complete a pledge. Your broker will send the stock to our bank, where it will be liquidated. Because of privacy laws in stock transactions, your broker may not designate your name. Please advise in writing of your intention to pay this way. Please contact Julie Muratore at [Julie@2cc.org](mailto:Julie@2cc.org) for detailed instructions if you are going to donate stock.

### Offering Envelopes for 2018

Using offering envelopes is a matter of personal preference. Envelopes are used by donors who make an annual pledge and by those who do not pledge but give when they are able to do so. They provide additional privacy, the option to make cash donations, and serve as a reminder to keep up with donations to the church. If you would like to have one assigned to you, or if you have previously received envelopes you no longer use, please call Gloria in the church office. The offering envelopes for 2018 are available in Fletcher Hall

### Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>Sunday, December 31</b>	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:45 a.m.	Book Discussion	Chapel
<b>Monday, January 1</b>	<i>Happy New Year!</i>		
<b>Wednesday, January 3</b>	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study	Parlor
<b>Thursday, January 4</b>	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group	Parlor
<b>Friday, January 5</b>	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (MS)	
<b>Saturday, January 6</b>	5:00 p.m.	Evensong	Chapel

**We are collecting items with a breakfast theme for the month of January.** Please consider donating cereal, oatmeal, muffin mix, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit and applesauce. All donations are brought to Neighbor to Neighbor and are greatly appreciated.



# SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*United Church of Christ*

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December 31, 2017

Prelude

Prelude in C Minor

Frederic Chopin

Welcome

## \*Call To Worship (Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!  
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

**People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you  
highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.  
He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be  
passed.

**People: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail,  
snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Leader: *Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping  
things and flying birds!*

**People: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men  
and women alike, old and young together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is  
above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his  
faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!  
Come! Let us worship.

## \*Hymn 411

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

*(Children should leave for the church school program after the 2nd verse of the hymn)*

## \*Prayer of Confession

*Lord God, You dwell in time and beyond all time. Guide us in the living of our days, that  
we might grow in faith and courage, grateful for the blessings that surround us. For all the  
moments when we might seek to turn away from you and our neighbors, direct us. Finally,  
when we do wrong or squander the good, forgive us. Be with us this year always, and may  
we live and love fully just as Your Son taught us. In his name we pray. Amen.*

## \*Gloria Patri (Hymn 579)