

# AMICABLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Tiverton Four Corners

10:00 AM

February 7, 2021

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Welcome! We invite you into a time of preparation for worship. We invite you to unplug, turn off your phones, unwind from the past week, and focus your hearts on God's presence within, around, and between us all.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: God is present. L: Everywhere, all the time.  
C: **All the time, everywhere.** C: **God is present.**

PRELUDE "Homelessness Awareness Medley" arr. V. Bryner

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 72:1-4, *The Message Bible*, adapted

L: Give the gift of wise rule to us, O God, the gift of just rule to your people.

C: **May we hold all your children, especially the meek and lowly, in honor.**

L: Let the mountains give exuberant witness; shape the hills with the contours of right living.

C: **May our worship include standing up for the poor, helping the needy, and saying to the cruel ways of the world, "You may not let poverty go on forever."**

HYMN "O for a World"

1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

### QUESTION(S) FOR REFLECTION

"I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that, then I realized I was somebody."

When have I seen someone in pain, lost, alone and walked by, leaving the problem to somebody else or nobody else?

When have I offered a helping hand without realizing I was preaching the gospel?

*Silence*

### ASSURANCE OF BLESSING

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Tune #22)

**From all that dwell below the skies; let the Creator's**

**praise arise! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung; let God the Spirit free each tongue! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Man in the Mirror" Ballard & Garrett  
Alexander "Crespo" Rosario

SCRIPTURE Mark 6:7-9

SERMON Musings on an Overnight

HYMN "Here Am I"

1. Here am I, where underneath the bridges of our winter cities homeless people sleep. Here am I, where in decaying houses little children shiver, crying at the cold. Where are you?

2. Here am I, with people in the line-up, anxious for a handout, aching for a job. Here am I, when pensioners and strikers sing and march together, wanting something new. Where are you?

3. Here am I, where two or three are gathered, ready to be altered, sharing wine and bread. Here am I, where those who hear the preaching change their way of living, find the way to life. Where are you?

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator, 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.**

### SERVICE OF GIVING

COMMUNION PREPARATION "The Voice of Jesus Calls"  
The voice of Jesus calls his people, "Come to my table and be fed."  
For those who come to him believing, he is the Wine, he is the Bread.  
All who are lost, or bear great burdens, all who need comfort or release, come the where presence of Christ Jesus will nourish us with rest and peace.

### SERVICE OF COMMUNION / THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation  
Words of Institution  
Sharing of the Elements  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN "What Does the Lord Require for Praise"

1. What does the Lord require for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.
2. People of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?  
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

THE TAKE HOME

“Preach the gospel always! When necessary, use words.” - *St. Francis of Assisi*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on AZMON”

arr. V. Bryner

We thank Julie Lohr for serving as lay reader this morning.

All are invited to our Virtual Coffee Hour today at 11:00 AM.

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All Members  
Vaughn Bryner  
William A. Sterrett

Ministers  
Minister of Arts and Outreach  
Pastor

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## Homeless Awareness



## Sharing the Gospel

**No matter who you are or  
where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here.**

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