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**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**WOODBRIDGE**

 **2024**

**REDEDICATION OF THE SANCTUARY**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024**

**The Congregational Church in New England**

In the 1600’s, early settlers seeking religious freedom established the Congregational Church in New England.

We continue to stress the freedom of individual conscience, and we are proud of our heritage that dates back to the Pilgrims and Puritans.

At the same time, we cherish our partnership with all churches affiliated with the United Church of Christ and the Church universal.

We are a diverse fellowship of individual believers from many traditions, united by our love for Christ and His mission and ministry to the wider world.

As an Open and Affirming Congregation, we welcome people from all walks of life with diverse sexual and gender identities, whom we serve through Jesus Christ.

We pledge a deep belief that God is Still Speaking, and that “there is yet still more light and truth to be revealed from the Word of God.” \*

\*These are the words of Rev. John Robinson to the Pilgrims departing Holland for the New World.

**First Church of Christ, Woodbridge, 1738**

**Sanctuary Rededication Celebration, April 21, 2024**

**Order of Service**

**Prelude: “***As Time goes by”*  by Herman Hupfeld Nenad Ivovics

**Welcome:**  Rev. Janice Touloukian

**Children leave for Kid’s Church with Ms. Forest:**

**Opening Hymn:** “*The Church’s One Foundation*” Pilgrim Hymnal #260

**Words of Thanksgiving from the Sanctuary Committee:**

Al Jarvis and Joyce Simpson

**Opening Prayer:**  Rev. Janice Touloukian

O Holy One, you call us to imagine a new world coming into view:

a world marked by dignity and respect, by a common resolve for

peace and justice, by an urgent desire for mutuality and love.

In this spirit, come and empower us as members and friends of your

beloved community:   to practice mercy and promote peace, to work for

justice, to proclaim release from our shared captivity to fear and

misunderstanding, and to bear witness to all that our faith knows to be

possible. Amen

**Choir Anthem:** “*Days of Elijah” with "All Hail the Power"*

                                by Robin Mark, arrangement by Mary McDonald

                    Faye Chen and Choir

 Trumpet: Chris Chhoeun

The congregation is invited to sing this section with the choir:

                        “All hail the power of Jesus' name!

                          Let angels prostrate fall,

                          Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

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**Old Testament Scripture:** Isaiah 40: 28-31 Kathleen Foster

 (page 620 in pew bible)

**Gospel Reading:** John 6: 25-34 Rev. Janice Touloukian

 (page 928 in pew bible)

**Reflection: “***Architects, Builders, and Dreamers*”

**Pastoral Prayer**:

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

**Mr. John Canning,** PA AIC, Honorary AIA: “Illusionistic Painting”

**Call to Offering:** Rev. Janice Touloukian

**Musical Interlude:**  Nenad Ivovic

**Doxology:**

**Prayer of Dedication:** Rev. Janice Touloukian

**Salem Covenant of 1629:** Introduction by Rev. Janice Touloukian

Read in Unison: “We do bind ourselves in the presence of God to walk together in all His ways, according to how He is pleased to reveal Himself in His blessed Word of Truth.”

**Closing Hymn:** “*Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee”* New Century Hymnal #4

**Benediction:** Rev. Janice Touloukian

**Postlude:** “*Love Lifted Me”*  Faye Chen and Nenad Ivovic

 by Howard E. Smith, arrangement by Mary McDonald

Please join us at the reception in the Parish Hall immediately following this service

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Alan J. Jarvis

B. Joyce Simpson

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