

# AMICABLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Tiverton Four Corners

10:00 AM

January 24, 2021

## THIRD 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 "Baptism Hymn Medley" arr. V. Bryner

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us we have come to worship.

C: **With thanks we offer to God the creativity of our minds, the warmth of our hearts, and the joy of our spirits.**

L: We love because God has first loved us.

C: **Because of God's love in our lives it is with glad hearts that we join together in praising God, Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit.**

HYMN "Be in Our Midst, O Christ"

Vaughn Bryner, *vocals & keyboard*

1. Be in our midst, O Christ, for blessing your sons and daughters loved by you. They come, your glorious name confessing, seeking fresh lives washed clean and new.
2. Held by your mighty arms enfolding, welcome them home by boundless grace. Safe-guard them always in your holding. Smile on them; show your loving face.

### QUESTION(S) FOR REFLECTION

"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" - *1 John 3:17*

When have I not shared from my abundance because I was afraid I did not have enough for myself?

What keeps me from sharing God's love?

*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!**

### SCRIPTURE

I John 4:7-8,12-16

### HYMN

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

Vaughn Bryner, *vocals & keyboard*

1. Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of the womb. Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
2. O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform.

### BAPTISM

Christina & Orianna Youd

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Child of Mine"

Michael Schmid

Brianna Crain, *vocals*, & Vaughn Bryner, *keyboard*

### SERMON

Welcoming Love

### 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

### HYMN

"In Water We Grow"

Eric Bronner, *cantor*

1. In water we grow, secure in the womb, and speechlessly know love's safety and room. Baptizing and blessing, we publish for good the freeing, caressing safe-keeping of God.
2. In water we wash: the dirt of each day, its trouble and rush are carried away. In Christ recreated by love's cleansing art, self-will and self-hatred dissolve and depart.
3. In water we dwell, for by its deep flow through bloodstream and cell, we live, think, and grow. Praise God, love outflowing, whose well of new birth baptizes our knowing, and waters the earth.

THE TAKE HOME

“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. - 1 John 3:18

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Postlude on BEGINNINGS” arr. V. Bryner

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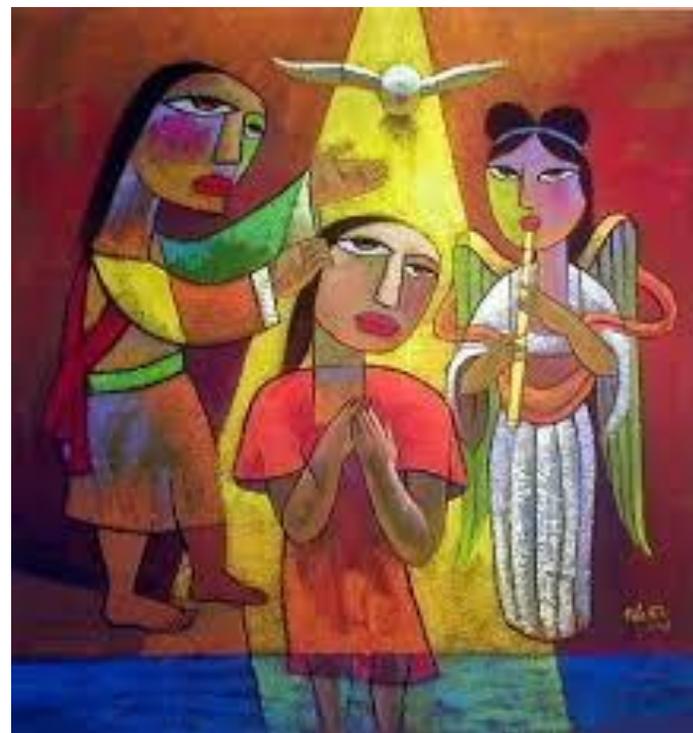
We thank Ray Medeiros for serving as Lay Reader.

All are invited to our Annual Meeting today at 11:00 AM.

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# Baptism



## Welcoming Love

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

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