

## A Shared Worship Service with

Franconia Community Church of Christ, UCC

The Shared Ministry of Lisbon-Landaff

Bath Congregational Church, UCC

First Congregational Church of Littleton, UCC

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A shared service at

First Congregational Church of Littleton, UCC

6:30 pm

*In Exodus 3, Yahweh asserts "I am who I am." The God who saves. In the gospel of John, Jesus demonstrates salvation with seven "I am" statements meant to leave no doubt he is the promised Messiah -- the fulfillment of that salvation for all people. Tonight, in the wake of the crucifixion, we remember the assertions of Christ and allow the Spirit's prompting to see God is in all, and for all, and has accomplished all through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

Order of Worship

Prelude

*As disciples we gather and remember who Jesus said he was and is.*

Welcome and Introductions

Prayer of Invocation

**“I Am the Light of the World”** John 8:12

*“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

Hymn: “Just As I Am” (NCH 207)

**“I am the Bread of Life”** John 6:35

*“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’”*

**Responsive Reading** [from Psalm 22 & Hebrews 10]

The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him—  
may your hearts live forever!

**All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD.**

Bow down before him, every family of the nations: this is his dominion, and he rules over all.

**All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;**

All who go down to the dust will kneel before him—

**Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord and the covenant he has made:**

“I will put my laws in their hearts,” he said, “And I will write them on their minds.”

**Our sins and lawless acts will be remembered no more: forgiveness shall reign, sacrifice no longer necessary.**

Brothers and sisters, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,

**A new and living way is opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body.**

Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and the full assurance of faith.

***Our hearts have been sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience, our bodies washed with pure water.***

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

***Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together as do some.***

Let us encourage one another with these words.

**“I am the True Vine”** John 15:1, 5

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener...“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

Hymn #321 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**“I am the Gate, the Door”** John 10:7

*Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep”*

**Choral Anthem**

“O Come and Mourn” Arr. Hopson

**“I am the Good Shepherd”** John 10:11, 14

*“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—*

Hymn #219 “Journey to Gethsemane”, Verses 1-3 (NCH 219)

**“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”** John 14:6

*“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”*

Prayers of the People, followed by the Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

**“I am the Resurrection and the Life”** John 11:25-26

*Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”*

Hymn “Were you There?” Verses 1-3 (NCH 229)

Depart in silence