



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community
Be The Church: Love God

9:55 a.m.

November 12, 2017

Welcome to worship! As you settle in, please feel free to light a prayer candle in the chapel area (to the right). The children will be with us through the Prayer for the Children, then will be excused to their program. Nursery care and the crying room are available for our youngest.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

*HYMN

'God of Grace and God of Glory'

No. 464

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You, O Lord, roar your voice

ALL: and from pasture green to mountain top we listen.

Leader: Seeking good and not evil,

ALL: we humbly approach you desiring life in all its fulness

Leader: Seeking justice and righteousness

ALL: running down like ever-flowing waters may we worship you with all we are and in all we do.

INTROIT

'A Place at the Table'

Lori True and Shirley E. Murray

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

*Asterisk indicates all who are able may stand
Bold print indicates congregational response

GATHERING PRAYER

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN: Commitment

HYMN

‘Strong, Gentle Children’

No. 511

A PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

SINGING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR PROGRAM

‘I’ve Got Peace Like a River’

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul. (*repeat*)

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Lord, you ask us to hate evil and love good. There is so much in the world that is counter to your vision. You call on us to resist wrongdoing and to stand up against those who propagate evil within our societies and our world. You call on us to promote all that is good; to work for caring and fair societies, to help build a just and peaceful world. Sometimes we are lax and noncommittal in playing our part in fighting evil. In your mercy, forgive our weakness and lack of faithful living. Grant, in your love for us, a fresh start. Show us the path to new life, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE

‘All People That On Earth Do Dwell’ vs 2

No. 18

Know that there is one God, in-deed, who fashions us without our aid, who claims us, gives us all we need, whose tender care will never fade.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RECEIVING AND SHARING GOD’S LOVE

(*by handshake, embrace, or with hands folded*)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*GLORIA 'All People That On Earth Do Dwell' vs 4 No. 18
Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure, whose truth
at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

WITNESS Bill Cockshaw

SOLO 'Grateful I've got a roof over my head' John Bucchino
Doug Anderson, baritone

I've got a warm place to sleep, Some nights I lie awake counting gifts
instead of counting sheep.

I've got a heart that can hold love, I've got a mind that can think there may
be times when I lose the light and let my spirits sink but I can't stay
depressed when I remember how I'm blessed.

Grateful, grateful, truly grateful I am.
Grateful, grateful, truly blessed and duly grateful.

In a city of strangers I've got a family of friends no matter what rocks and
brambles fill the way.
I know that they will stay in the end.

I feel a hand holding my hand; it's not a hand you can see but on the road
to the promised land
this hand will shepherd me through delight and despair; holding tight and
always there.

It's not that I don't want a lot or hope for more, or dream of more but giving
thanks for what I've got makes me so much happier than keeping score.

In a world that can bring pain I will still take each chance for I believe that
whatever the terrain, our feet can learn to dance. Whatever stone life may
sling we can moan or we can sing

FIRST READING

John 7:37-38

SECOND READING

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

HOMILY

Rev. Patricia Hayes

HYMN

'This is My Song'

No. 722

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OFFERTORY

'Roll Down Justice'

Mark A. Miller

There's a voice strong and clear, ringing out far and near, "Let justice roll down!" Like the rush of a stream, comes a powerful dream, let justice roll down, justice rolls down!

Let the earth be restored, every soul be reformed; let the healing renew, creation reborn. Here in this sacred space with the strength of God's grace, let justice roll down!

Roll down, justice! Roll, like an ever flowing stream.

On this glorious day, give us courage, we pray, that justice rolls down, let justice roll down! Let the vision take flight and God will delight as waters flow down, justice abounds!

*DOXOLOGY

'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'

No. 48

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit, ever-more; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

'Ours the Journey'

No. 458

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'A Place at the Table'

Lori True and Shirley E. Murray

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

'Voluntary in C Major'

Played by Dick Hill as a preview for his concert on Wednesday

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the closing music in the fellowship hall on the lower level. If you are visiting with us for the first time, welcome! We invite you to enjoy a free coffee and donut.

Participating in today's service are:

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

Erin Reardon, Minister of Visitation

Lisa Hulbert, Director of Christian Education

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language

Liturgical pieces are adapted from *Spill the Beans*, a Scottish worship resource for the Narrative Lectionary.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Shirley Bamford in memory of her husband Horace and the birthday of their daughter Sandra Ellen.



Stewardship Shoutouts

So....who is it in this Beloved Community that exemplifies "Being the Church"? Who goes out of their way with their time and talent to make life better either here at Christ Church or out in the Community? Who volunteers to give rides to Church or Community events? Who shows kindness on Sunday mornings or at other church events?

The Stewardship Committee, as part of the Pledging experience, would like to give a special shout out to these folks that you tell us go the extra mile. There is a colorful basket on the information counter for you to tell us who you think is an example of Being the Church and a brief description of what they do that has touched you.

We will honor these persons during the pledge season. Thanks for your help with this Ministry.

WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Baked Chicken and Roasted Potatoes with a salad bar. Sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.



Cookies for College Students & Military: On November 26th our church school students will be decorating cookies to send to our college students and military members. If you know the name and address of a college student or a military member living away from home please get it to Lisa. You can email her directly at Ichulbert@gmail.com or fill out the request form in your bulletin. Cookies will be packaged and mailed directly to students on Monday, November 27th.



PRAYER CONCERNS

We pray for those who cannot be with us at church:

Ramona Adler, Jane Benson, Aida Bruns, Lois Cyr, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Mary Geraigery, Janet Hodnett, Ruth Melanson, Mildred Miele, Geneva Prince, Barbara Smith, Don Squires and Viola Szydlowski.

And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:

Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Susan Berry (niece of Ruth Poole), Elaine Botka (aunt of John Hagberg), Richard Bowman, Nancy Campbell (niece of Donna & Alton Hefler), Luke Creedon, Lillie Dias, Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Jeanette F., Wayne Ferguson (brother of Brian Young-Ferguson), Nancy Fisher (Gini Hathaway's sister-in-law), Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), Gayle Hulbert, Rebecca Lacourse, Wayne and Marilyn Legge, Carl Manoogian (George's son), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), Kathy North, Joanne Oliveira (stepmom of Deana), Zachary Ponds (Friend of Jan Howard), Michelle Pursell, Fernanda Quimby, Diane Quin (mother of Steve Kivlehan, friend of Loren Stott), Carol Ranney, David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), William Rotondi (Uncle of Mary Poole), Danny Ray Simpson (brother-in-law of Barbara Moody), and the family of Shirley Dunford.

For those in the military, especially:

Scott Allen, Kathleen Crooker, Michael J. Harris, Andrew Johnson, Alex (Pasha) Ozelius, Robbie Sinesi, Derek Stanley and Bradford Townsend.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 11/12

9:55am Worship
11:20am Youth Choir
11:45am New Member Class
Annual Meeting

Mon. 11/13

Office Closed

Tue. 11/14

7:00pm Fiber Fellowship

Wed. 11/15

10:00am Bible Study
12:15pm Organ Concert with Dick Hill
6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm Adult Bell Ringers
7:15pm Adult Choir

Thur. 11/16

7:00pm Council Meeting

Sat. 11/18

9:30am New Members Class
11:00am Book Group "Chasing The Scream"

Sun. 11/19

9:55am Worship
11:20am Youth Choir
11:20am Youth Ringers
12:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner
1:00pm ARTS Concert



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