



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

9:55 a.m.

January 28, 2018

Welcome to worship! As you settle in for worship, please feel free to light a candle of prayer in the chapel area (*to the right side of the sanctuary*). The children will be with us through the children's word and prayer, then will be excused to their classes. There is nursery care available throughout the service, and a crying room for those who become inconsolable.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 'God of Grace and God of Glory' No. 464

CALL TO WORSHIP Lisa Hulbert, Director of Christian Education

One: We enter this sanctuary of truth

All: In the company of sinners; in cahoots with saints:

One: we gather as God's people.

All: We come, people of deep, abiding faith; and people seeking a way, straining our ears for the good news: we lift our praise to God.

INTROIT 'Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn' Marty Haugen

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless; love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story, may God fill ev'ry day we share, and bring us at last into glory.

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

GATHERING PRAYER

Erin Reardon, Minister of Visitation

TWO WORDS WITH THE CHILDREN: Being True

HYMN

'I Would Be True'

No. 608

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

Rev. Patricia Hayes

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT 'I've Got Peace Like a River' No. 530

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 (*in unison*) **God of truth and love, there are times when we fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture and miss your words of hope, of grace, of comfort. Sometimes, we do not heed your hopes for us. Sometimes, our pride gets in the way of witnessing to your love. Forgive us, Holy One, and be gracious to us. Astound us with your words, so we may learn your ways; nourish us with your mercy, so we may be filled with life; and overflow with praise for you. Amen.**

KYRIE

'Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us'

No. 300

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*please stand as you are able*)

*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 'Clap Your Hands' No. 38
Clap your hands, all you people; shout unto God with a voice of triumph!
Clap your hands, all you people; shout unto God with a voice of praise!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Shout unto God with a voice of triumph! Praise him!
Praise him! Shout unto God with a voice of praise!

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Reader: Ronan Cords

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

ANTHEM 'Earth Has Many a Noble City' Richard Shephard
Earth has many a noble city, Bethlehem thought dost excel; out of thee the
Lord from heaven came to rule His Israel. Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth, to the world its God announcing seen in
fleshly form on earth.
Eastern sages at his cradle make oblations rich and rare; see them give in
dep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.
Sacred gifts of mystic meaning; incense doth their God discloses, gold the
King of kings proclaimeth myrrh his sepulcher foreshows. Jesus, whom the
Gentiles worshiped at thy glad epiphany, unto thee, with God the Father
and the Spirit, glory be.

PSALM 111

Reader: Audrey Jones

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

HYMN

'Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit!'

No. 186

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Hayes

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 'Winter Alleluia' Bray Cunningham
Alleluia! In midwinter, cold and grim, we warm ourselves with light from within.

In midwinter deep in our minds echoes of sunlight flicker and shine. In midwinter's darkest night we guard our hearts with all things bright. And we're thankful for all that we hold in midwinter in the dark and cold. Alleluia!

*DOXOLOGY 'All People That On Earth Do Dwell' vs 2 No. 18
Know that there is one God, indeed, who fashions us without our aid, who claims us, gives us all we need, whose tender care will never fade.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 'Renew Your Church' No. 463

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*CHOIR RESPONSE 'Lord of the Dance' John Ferguson
I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

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 cup of coffee or tea and a donut, and hope that you will return next week.

Liturgical pieces adapted from Seasons of the Spirit

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

WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Honey Balsamic Glazed Chicken with Rice and Mixed Veggies with a salad bar. Sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

SCHOOL OF PROPHETIC ACTION with Brockton Interfaith continues on Wednesdays here at 6:30pm. This session is closed to new comers - stay tuned for next offering.

LIFETOUCH PICTORIALS are in. If you had your picture taken for the CCC pictorial, please see Bill Cockshaw or someone from the Vitality Committee in fellowship hall after worship on Sunday's to get your copy.

New date for **TEARS WE CANNOT STOP** book discussion: February 10th @ 10am.

LAST CALL to sign up for Just Claying Around ARTS event for February 4th. Sign-up sheet on information counter.

Breakfast and Beliefs

On Saturday's in Lent (February 17th - March 24th) join us at 8:30am for breakfast and conversations on topics of faith.

Feb. 17th Why are you at Christ Congregational Church, a Christian community?

Feb. 24th How do you experience God?

Mar. 3rd Why do you worship and pray? Or do you?

Mar. 10th Who is Jesus to you?

Mar. 17th What place do you believe prophetic action for social justice should play in your life and the life of our church?

Mar. 24th How do you experience resurrection and salvation in your life?

SAVE THE DATES:

February 10th - Dine with 7 @ 7

February 14th - Ash Wednesday

March 4th - Murray In Concert

March 18th - Bach Birthday Bash

May 6th - Talent Show

Acolyte Ministry

Acolytes needed! If you would like to acolyte or want to learn how please sign up downstairs. There is a sign-up sheet posted on a bulletin board in fellowship hall!

Or email Lisa at Ichulbert@gmail.com.



The vitality committee is scheduling a dine with seven at seven evening on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

Dine with 7 at 7 is a dinner scheduled at a volunteers house with seven people attending. Dinner is at 7PM with appetizers and cocktail hour starting at 6:30PM. The host is responsible for the main dish with other guests being responsible for side dishes, appetizers, and dessert. Everyone brings their own beverage (adult or otherwise).

There will be a sign up sheet on the information counter in the downstairs lobby. Please also let us know if you would be interested in hosting.

Please plan on attending. It is a great time for all.

If you have any questions, please see Bill Cockshaw on Sundays, or e-mail him at bill.cockshaw@gmail.com or call (401)347-6511.

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, Russ Gillpatrick, Janet Hodnett, Ruth Melanson, Mildred Miele, Geneva Prince, Barbara Smith, Don Squires, Viola Szydlowski and Burt Tibbetts.

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, Cathy Campbell, Nancy Campbell (niece of Donna & Alton Hefler), Jean Capiello, Luke Creedon, Debra Debski (friend of Barbara Moody), Frank DePaola, Lillie Dias, Denise Duham (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Brenda Eckstrom (Janet's niece-in-law), Jeanette F., Wayne Ferguson (brother of Brian Young-Ferguson), Nancy Fisher (Gini Hathaway's sister-in-law), Norm and Grace Goward, Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), William Holbrook (friend of Barbara Moody), Rebecca Lacourse, Wayne and Marilyn Legge, Linda Madden, Carl Manoogian (George's son), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), Tom Meany (father of Diane Weatherbee), Kathy North, Joanne Oliveira (stepmom of Deana), Zachary Ponds (friend of Jan Howard), Michelle Pursell, Fernanda Quimby, Carol Ranney (sister of Fred Hayes), David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), William Rotondi (uncle of Mary Poole), Helen Simms (Erin's grandmother), Danny Ray Simpson (brother-in-law of Barbara Moody), Shirley Strangis, Brad Weatherbee, and the families of Robert Bowker (Carol Bradford's father) and Mel Thomas (Alan Thomas' father).

For those in the military, especially:

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 1/28

- 9:55am Worship
- 11:15am Youth Choir
- 11:15am Junior Ringers
- 11:30am Missions Meeting
- 3:00pm Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Chapel of Our Savior,
Westgate Mall Road.

Mon. 1/29

Office Closed

Wed. 1/31

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 6:00pm Dinner
- 6:30pm School Of Prophetic Action
- 6:30pm Adult Bell Ringers
- 7:15pm Adult Choir

Thur. 2/1

- 7:00pm Deacons Meeting
- 7:00pm Vitality Meeting

Fri. 2/2

- 12:00pm Prayer Group (off-site)

Sun. 2/4

- 9:55am Worship
- 11:20am Youth Choir
- 11:20am Junior Ringers
- 1:00pm ARTS Painting Party (by prior reservation)



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Welcome!