



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community
Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:55 a.m.

March 11, 2018

Welcome to worship! As you settle in for worship, please feel free to light a candle of prayer in the chapel area (*right side of sanctuary*). The children will be with us throughout the service. 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

'The Church's One Foundation'

No. 272

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sheppo Fisher

One: What do you do, when God calls?

All: Wake up. Listen. Act.

One: What do you do when God asks you to do something difficult?

All: Wake up. Listen. Act.

One: What do you do when God asks you to do something impossible?

All: Wake up. Listen. Act. Because, with God, nothing is impossible.

One: Even changing ourselves?

All: Even changing our community. Wake up. Listen. Act.

One: And, with all this living,

All: we worship God.

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

*GLORIA 'The Tribute' No. 39
To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things you have done. With his blood Christ has saved me; with your power you have raised me; to God be the glory for the things you have done.

PSALM 113 (*from the NRSV version*) Sandra Hill

ANTHEM 'Go Into the World'
Go ye, into the world. Make disciples of all the nations, go ye in to the world and I will be with you there!

I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear; I am the light, you, the reflection everywhere.

Go ye into the world and tell the story to all believers. Go ye into the world and I will be with you there. Go ye now and take the gospel to all who hear and I will forever be there.

THE GOSPEL Luke 22: 24-30 *from The Message* Alice Farnsworth

MISSIONS INTRO

MISSIONS PRESENTATION 'The Haven' Deborah Snow

WORDS FROM MISSIONS Heather Mitchell

HYMN 'Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant' No. 490

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 'Every Time I Feel the Spirit'

*DOXOLOGY 'Give Thanks' No. 528
(*second time through no repeats*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 'We Are Walking' No. 442

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 'Chariot!' arr. Philip Kern

(*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.

Deborah Snow will be joining us in fellowship hall to speak with members.

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

And

Missions: Alice Farnsworth, Sheppo Fisher, Sandra Hill,

Heather Mitchell, Dot Quimby and Erin Reardon

WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM

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

ELECTRONIC PLEDGE PAYMENT: Do you pay your pledge electronically using our EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)? Did you make any changes to your 2018 pledge? If you answered yes to both of these questions, please access our "Donate" page on the Brocktonucc.org web page and make the appropriate corrections to your scheduled withdrawal. Thank you.

As members of the Pilgrim Association, we pray each week for a sister UCC Congregation. This week, you are invited to pray for:

One Great Hour Of Sharing Sunday

Last Three Saturdays in Lent we will have another great session of Breakfast and Beliefs from 8:30-10am - we'll have gluten free oatmeal with toppings, breakfast casseroles, sausage or bacon, muffins or pastries, yogurt.

Topics

- Mar. 17th** What place do you believe prophetic action for social justice should play in your life and the life of our church?
Speakers: Sylvia Berry, Sue Koza, Emily Swisher-Rosa
- Mar. 24th** How do you experience resurrection and salvation in your life?
Speakers: Andrea Sheppard Lomba, Barry Shelley, Elizabeth Vann

THE HAVEN, a Brockton-based resource. This is a local day shelter where the homeless can go to get out of the outside elements. It has just opened in November 2017 at 74 Pleasant Street in Brockton. There will be pamphlets available at the entrance to fellowship hall. We will be collecting a variety of different items (see list on information counter). This collection will continue through Easter (April 1st). This is a faith-based organization. They are looking for volunteers of both men and women. Hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday from 9 am - 4 pm. Volunteer hours are flexible. Please join us on our journey with The Haven.

Church World Service Buckets

In the fall 358 clean-up buckets were shipped to Church World Service after the 2017 Hurricanes which took care of Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and Cuba. You may have seen hurricane buckets being distributed after the March 1st storm in our own area. We are collecting more clean-up buckets for an early May collection. Go to cwskits.org to get the list of contents.



What is One Great Hour of Sharing®?

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Who participates in One Great Hour of Sharing?

Several Christian denominations - *American Baptist Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Church of the Brethren, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the United Church of Christ, and Church World Service* work together to develop common promotional materials thereby sharing ideas, costs, and a commitment to faithful service. Each denomination receives and manages its respective OGHS offering.

How is the United Church of Christ's offering used?

62 percent of the UCC's offering supports international development initiatives, including annual support for missionaries. Currently there are 2 OGHS supported missionaries and 1 Global Mission Intern working in disaster relief, health care, education, sustainable agricultural development, and refugee support. The offering also funds disaster preparedness and response, and disaster related volunteer initiatives in the U.S.

Where and how are OGHS funds shared?

The United Church of Christ responds to humanitarian and development needs in the world. Specifically, we support sustainable development and refugee needs internationally, and provides disaster relief and immigration assistance in the United States.

The United Church of Christ responds as a member of organizations such as Church World Service and the ACT Alliance. We also support the direct mission efforts of churches and church-based organizations that the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have direct partnerships with through Global Ministries. Nearly one-fifth of the UCC's OGHS offering is shared through Church World Service to support refugee, and disaster programs worldwide.

How many dollars are given to the UCC's OGHS offering?

In 2017, the OGHS offering received over \$2 million. Nearly sixty-five percent of UCC congregations participate annually.

What percentage of OGHS donations are used directly for mission?

On average, of every dollar given to One Great Hour of Sharing, 95 cents is used directly for mission programming; and 5 cents for interpretation materials. The associated administrative costs are paid by gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission National Basic Support.

How are decisions made to fund the various projects?

Most of the expenditures are put into the budget to support long-term sustainable development. All funding is reviewed and monitored by a leadership committee that also reviews grant requests for long-term disaster rehabilitation initiatives.

How can I contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing?

The OGHS special mission offering is received through local UCC congregations and all UCC members are encouraged to participate in this way.

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 Szydowski 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), 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 Duhamel (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), 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, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), 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, and Brad Weatherbee.

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. 3/11

9:55am Worship
11:15am Youth Choir
11:15am Junior Ringers
5:00pm Junior Youth Group
6:30pm Senior Youth Group

Mon. 3/12

Office Closed

Tue. 3/13

NO Fiber Fellowship
7:00pm CPR Training

Wed. 3/14

10:00am Bible Study
5:45pm Dinner
6:30pm BIC Planning Meeting
6:30pm Adult Bell Ringers
7:30pm Adult Choir

Thur. 3/15

7:00pm Council Meeting

Fri. 3/16

12:00pm Prayer Group (off-site)

Sat. 3/17

8:30am Breakfast & Beliefs

Sun. 3/18

9:55am Worship

11:15am Youth Choir

11:15am Junior Ringers

11:50am Confirmation Class

12:30pm Talent Show Auditions

1:00pm Bach Festival Concert



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Welcome!