



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

9:55 a.m.

March 18, 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 until the Gloria, then may be excused to their classes. There is nursery care available throughout the service, and a crying room at the back of the sanctuary for those who become inconsolable.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES Sylvia Berry, Organist

WORDS OF WELCOME Janet Eckstrom, Clerk

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN ‘Gather Us In’ No. 284

GATHERING PRAYER

INTROIT ‘Every Time I Feel the Spirit’ Traditional Spiritual

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Being baptized today: Eva Lynn Lomba, daughter of Andrea Sheppard Lomba and Jacinto Lomba

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

## QUESTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Eva, do you desire to be baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**(I do)**

Andrea and Jacinto, are you ready with God's help to guide and encourage Eva by counsel and example, in prayer and with love, to follow the way of Jesus Christ? **(We are)**

Eva, do you promise by the grace of God, to grow in the Christian faith, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able? **(I do)**

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT *(please rise)*

Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to this child of God about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ? **We do**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(remain standing)*

No. 359

## BAPTISMAL PRAYER

Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## ACT OF BAPTISM

### PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED *(in unison)*

**We give you thanks Holy God, mother and father of all the faithful, for Eva who is today washed in the water of Baptism. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, value, love, support, nurture and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: and also with you**

\*GLORIA 'Jesus Loves Me' (verses 1 and 3) No. 113

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

*(during the Gloria, the children may be excused to their classes)*

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 31:31-34

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

ANTHEM 'Grace Lifted Me' arr. Patti Drennan

In loving kindness Jesus came my soul in mercy to reclaim, and from the depths of sin and shame through grace He lifted me. He called me long before I heard, before my sinful heart was stirred, but when I took Him at His word, forgiven, He lifted me.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

His brow was pierced with many a thorn, His hands by cruel nails were torn. When from my guilt and grief, forlorn, in love He lifted me. In loving kindness Jesus came to save a wretch like me! And from the depths of sin and shame through grace He lifted me.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN John 12:20-22

SERMON Rev. Patricia Hayes

HYMN 'Because He Lives' No. 562

MORNING PRAYER



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.

**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

**This afternoon, come at 3:00pm for  
BACH BIRTHDAY BASH  
An organ and brass concert featuring  
Christa Rakich  
and  
Intrepid Brass Quintet**

**WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM**

This week we will be having Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans with a salad. Sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

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**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:

**First Church in Pembroke**

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**LAST Saturday 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.

**Topic**

**Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>** How do you experience resurrection and salvation in your life?  
Speakers: Andrea Sheppard Lomba, Barry Shelley, Elizabeth Vann

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**THE HAVEN**, a local day shelter where the homeless can go to get out of the outside elements. We will be collecting a variety of items (see list on information counter). This collection will continue through Easter (April 1st). They are looking for volunteers. Hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday from 9am - 4pm.

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> storm in our own area. We are collecting more clean-up buckets for an early May collection. Go to [cwskits.org](http://cwskits.org) to get the list of contents.



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**Newsletter Deadline: This Wednesday**

Are you getting nearly weekly emails and notification by email or the monthly newsletter? If not, contact Deana in the office.



### Spring Fling Scholarship Dance

The annual Spring Fling Scholarship Dance is scheduled for April 7th.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres start at 6pm. Save the date!

This Dinner/Dance will be held at Castaways which is part of "Olde Scottish Links" golf course in Bridgewater. The address is 695 Pine St. Bridgewater Ma. 02324. Be sure to use this address! If you just put Castaways into your GPS, it will bring you to the wrong place.

Dinner will be an Italian Buffet with Cannoli for dessert. There is also a cash bar. Entertainment will be furnished by Rob Peters Entertainment, the same DJ as last year. There will be gift baskets raffled off as well.

All profits will be donated to the scholarship committee to help students within our congregation. Many students have benefited from these scholarships in the past and with your support, many will continue to receive this benefit. It is a truly great cause.

Tickets will go on sale after church on March 4th and continue to be on sale right up to the dinner. The cost of the evening is \$35.00 per person.

Please plan on attending. It is sure to be an evening full of fun, food, and fellowship.

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Crafts Snacks Family Fun

## EASTER EGGCITMENT!

Christ Congregational  
Church, UCC  
March 31st at 10AM  
1350 Pleasant St. Brockton

This is not an Easter Egg Hunt Event, but will be lots of fun!

## **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), Richard Bowman, Bonnie Byadiah (Rev. Patricia's mom), Cathy Campbell, Nancy Campbell (niece of Donna & Alton Hefler), Jean Cappiello, 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), 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, Brad Weatherbee and Karin Whitten (Adam Mitchell's cousin).

### **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. 3/18**

9:55am Worship  
11:15am Youth Choir  
11:15am Junior Ringers  
11:50am Confirmation Class  
12:30pm Talent Show Auditions  
3:00pm Bach Festival Concert

**Mon. 3/19**

Office Closed

**Tue. 3/20**

1:00pm Quilt Guild

**Wed. 3/21**

10:00am Bible Study  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:30pm Adult Bell Ringers  
7:30pm Adult Choir

**Fri. 3/23**

12:00pm Prayer Group (off-site)

**Sat. 3/24**

8:30am Breakfast & Beliefs  
10:00am First Communion Bread Baking

**Sun. 3/25**

8:30am First Communion Service  
9:55am Worship  
11:15am Youth Choir  
11:15am Junior Ringers



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**Welcome!**