



## **Christ Congregational Church**

### **United Church of Christ**

***Creating Beloved Community***

#### **Eastertide 7**

9:55 a.m.

Ascension Day

May 13, 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 through the children's word and prayer, then they will 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

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN    'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today'    No. 216

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Jesus, you have ascended and left us with all the responsibility.

**ALL: Come back and show us the way.**

One: O Jesus, you have ascended, but we aren't sure we can be trusted with your church.

**ALL: Come back and show us the way.**

One: Let us gather as community and find you among us still,

**ALL: in those at the margins, in the outcast, in the seeker, in the lost.**

One: We find you there and realize you have never left us.

**ALL: Let us follow you now. Amen.**

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

INTROIT

'Woyaya'

Amoa, Amarfio, Bailey, Bedeau, Owei, Richardson, and Tontoh

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Patricia Hayes

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN: Signs

HYMN

'Jesus Loves Me!'

No. 113

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE MOTHERS

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT 'Jesus Loves Me' (*reprise*)



PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*in unison*) **Creating God, who gave caterpillars the adventure of the chrysalis, who held all matter in one hand and antimatter in the other, who thought of supernovas and invented big bangs, dreamt up bombardier beetles and desert burying frogs... and a bundle of other mysteries.. forgive us when we don't let our faith affect our living, our belief affect our principles, and our compassion affect our choices. Help us to pay attention to your mysteries and your love.**

KYRIE

'Day by Day'

No. 599

Day by Day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day. Day by day, by day, by day, by day.

\*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.**



\*HYMN

‘Shine, Jesus, Shine’

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us; set us free  
By the truth you now bring us. Shine on me. Shine on me.

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land up with our God’s glory; blaze, Spirit,  
blaze, Set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace  
and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your  
radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness. Shine on me. Shine on me. (chorus)

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display our likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory, mirror’d here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me. Shine on me. (chorus)

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

‘Thy Word is a Lamp’

Mark Butler

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Done made my vow to the Lord, gonna see what the end will be,  
and I never will turn back, gonna see what the end will be.

\*DOXOLOGY           ‘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.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN                           ‘Come, Christians, Join to Sing’                           No. 90

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

\*CHOIR RESPONSE                           ‘Lean on Me’                           Bill Withers  
Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow.  
But, if we are wise, we know that there’s always tomorrow.

Lean on me when you’re not strong and I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry  
on. For it won’t be long ‘til I’m gonna need somebody to lean on.

Just call on me brother/sister, when you need a hand. We all need  
somebody to lean on. I just might have a problem that you’d  
understand. We all need somebody to lean on.

*(please be seated for the closing music)*

CLOSING MUSIC

As you exit, you are invited to take a red  
carnation if your mother is alive and a white  
carnation if she has passed, with blessings  
from the Deacons.



**TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR** is given by Luane Rich in loving memory of her son Eric Rich on the anniversary of his passing. Join us for some special goodies.



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  
Murray Kidd, Music Director  
Sylvia Berry, Organist  
David Wilcox, Sign Language  
Loren Stott, Sign Language

**And behind the scenes:**

Tammy Blackner (Nursery)  
Jen Brosky (Bookkeeper)  
Bill Cockshaw (Facility Manager)  
Deana Colby (Secretary)  
Thomas Fisher (Security)  
Erin Reardon (Minister of Visitation)

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**WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM**

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

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

**Massachusetts Conference, UCC**

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**A Kindly Reminder:** Please put To Do's and requests for staff in writing and leave in the office (on Deana's desk), so as not to be forgotten.

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**Scholarship Applications Available:** Please contact the office if you need an application for a student involved in Christ Church life that is continuing their education in the 2018/2019 school year. Applications should be returned to the church office by May 27th. Scholarships will be awarded June 10th.

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CHRIST CHURCH PIPE ORGAN SERIES

*Midday Music with*

*Leonardo Ciampa, Guest Organist*

“Melodies for May”

Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 12:15PM



## **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, Louise 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, Nancy Campbell (niece of Donna & Alton Hefler), Luke Creedon, Debra Debski (friend of Barbara Moody), Frank DePaola, Carole Duhamel, 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, Debbie Griswald (Barbara Smith's daughter), Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), William Holbrook (friend of Barbara Moody), Rebecca Lacourse, Wayne Legge, Linda Madden, Carl Manoogian (George's son), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), 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), Poppy (Howard) Sennett, Helen Simms (Erin's grandmother), Danny Ray Simpson (brother-in-law of Barbara Moody), Anna Thomas, Jacob Teixeira, Karin Whitten (Adam Mitchell's cousin), and the family of Paul Dowd (uncle of Tricia and Jessica Gross).

### **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. 5/13**

Mothers Day!

9:55am Worship

11:15am Organ Completion Info Table (Fellowship Hall)

11:15am Junior Ringers

### **Mon. 5/14**

Office Closed

5:30pm Music Committee Meeting

6:30pm BIC Meeting

7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting

### **Tue. 5/15**

1:00pm Quilt Guild

### **Wed. 5/16**

10:00am Bible Study

12:15pm Midday Music Organ Concert w/Dick Hill

3:00 pm WOVOS

6:00pm Dinner

6:30pm BIC Meeting

6:30pm Adult Bell Ringers

7:30pm Adult Choir

### **Thur. 5/17**

7:00pm Council Meeting

### **Fri. 5/18**

9:00am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Prayer Group (off-site)

12:30pm Organ Completion Committee Meeting

### **Sun. 5/20**

Pentecost

9:55am Worship

Annual Meeting (after worship)

11:15am Junior Ringers



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**Welcome!**