Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m. August 19, 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 at the back of the sanctuary for those who become inconsolable.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Adam Mitchell, Moderator

*OPENING HYMN 'All Creatures of Our God and King' No. 22

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Sisters, brothers, and siblings -- Arise.
Lift your hearts, lift your eyes, lift your voices.
All: Let us worship God.
Leader: The living God,
the living, moving Spirit of God,
has called us together--
All: In witness, in celebration, in struggle.
Leader: Reach out toward each other.
All: Our God reaches out toward us!
Let us worship God!

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

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN ‘All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly’ No. 419

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(in unison)*
Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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.

*GLORIA ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ verse 1 No. 4
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

A READING FROM THE LETTERS OF PAUL Ephesians 5:15-20

SOLO ‘Majesty with Lord, I Lift Your Name on High’
Words and Music by Jack Hayford Arranged by David Ebensberger
Jay and Lisa Sparling, duet

Majesty, worship his Majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own. His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Chris Jesus the King. Majesty worship His Majesty. Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

Lord, I lift you name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I’m so glad You’re in my life. I’m so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky. Lord I lift you name on high.

GOSPEL READING John 6:51-58

SERMON Ann-Marie Illsley

HYMN ‘Break Thou The Bread Of Life’ No. 321

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 ‘How Can I Keep From Singing’ by Robert Lowry
Jay, soloist and Lisa, on piano

*DOXOLOGY ‘Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow’ No. 46
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN ‘His Eye is On the Sparrow’ No. 82

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)
CLOSING MUSIC ‘Gentle Winds’ Composed by Dennis Alexander
Sylvia Berry and Lisa Sparling, Piano Duet

Please join us for coffee, cookies and fellowship following the closing music in 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 cookie, and hope that you will return next week.

Participating in today's service are:

Ann-Marie Illsley, Member in Discernment
Sylvia Berry, Organist
Jay and Lisa Sparling, musicians
David Wilcox, Sign Language
Loren Stott, Sign Language

And behind the scenes:

Tammy Blackler (Nursery)
Jen Brosky (Bookkeeper)
Bill Cockshaw (Facility Manager)
Deana Colby (Secretary)
Thomas Fisher (Security)

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

Old South Union Church, Weymouth

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All are welcome to use our food pantry when needed.

We also welcome donations to the food pantry.

Reminder: There are some frozen dinners in the church freezer if anyone is interested.

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COMING THIS FALL

Cooking with Sequoria

This fall there will be a 4 session cooking demonstration using plant-based foods, introducing eight biblical health principles that are essential to holistic wellness. Each session will include the preparation and sampling of a few plant-based dishes. Sessions will be from 12:00pm-2:30pm, September 16th, 23rd, 30th and Oct 7th. Cost is $50, scholarships are available. To sign up, please go to the information counter in the lower lobby… class size is limited. Watch for 3 sessions on plant-based holiday cooking to be offered Nov 6th, 13th, and 20th from 6:30pm-9:00pm, also $50.

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Next training Saturday, 9/15/18
9:30-12:30 in Brockton

Simply take a picture of this flyer as a reminder!

VBS STARTS THIS WEEK

August 20th - 24th

9:00am - 3:00pm

CRAFTS

SCIENCE

BIBLE STORIES

GAMES

MUSIC

ART

COOKING

AND MORE….

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Ramona Adler, Jane Benson, Lois Cyr, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, Mary Geraigery, Russ Gillpatrick, 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), Luke Creedon, Dianna Dalida (Denise Cahill's friend), Carole Duhamel, Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Brenda Eckstrom (Janet's niece-in-law), Nancy Fisher (Gini Hathaway's sister-in-law), Mary Geraigery, Joanne Gratzer, Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), Rebecca Lacourse, Linda Madden, Carl Manoogian (George's son), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), Joyce Morse (Lisa Sparling's Mother), David Paasch (friend of Frank Matthews), Michelle Purssell, Fernanda Quimby, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), William Rotondi (uncle of Mary Poole), Poppy (Howard) Sennett, Norm Shippee, Helen Simms (Erin's grandmother), Danny Ray Simpson (brother-in-law of Barbara Moody), Evelyne Socha (great niece of Barbara Moody), Anna Thomas, Kevin Vogt, and David Wilcox.

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. 8/19
9:55am Worship

Mon. 8/20
9am-3pm VBS
6:30pm BIC (SOPA Training)

Tue. 8/21
9am-3pm VBS
9:30am Craft Group
6:30pm BIC Meeting

Wed. 8/22
9am-3pm VBS
10:00am Bible Study
6:30pm BIC (SOPA Training)

Thur. 8/23
9am-3pm VBS

Fri. 8/24
9am-3pm VBS

Sun. 8/26
9:55am Worship
Parent Meeting (upper wing after worship)

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