



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

August 26, 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

'This Is the Day'

No. 286

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Isaiah 43:2, in unison*)

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

*HYMN

'For The Beauty of the Earth'

No. 56

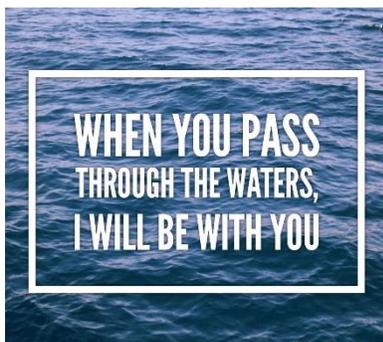
*GATHERING PRAYER

*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!



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

SINCE LAST SUNDAY: THE STORY OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DAY ONE

Matthew 4:18-25

HYMN

'Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore'

No. 342

DAY TWO

Luke 10:38-42

SOLO

'Show Me the Way'

by Dennis DeYoung

Karl & Sue Koza, soloists

arranged by Roger Emerson

Every night I say a prayer in the hope that there's a heaven; and every day I'm more confused as the saints turn into sinners. All the heroes and legends I knew as a child have fallen to idols of clay; and I feel this empty place inside, so afraid that I've lost my faith.

Show me the way! Show me the way! Take me tonight to the river and wash my illusions away; And Show me the way!

And as I slowly drift to sleep, for a moment dreams are sacred. I close my eyes and know there's peace in a world so filled with hatred, that I wake up each morning and turn on the news to find we've so far to go. And I keep on hoping for a sign, so afraid that I just won't know. Show me the way!...

And if I see a light, should I believe? Tell me how will I know? Show me the way!...Give me the strength and the courage to believe that I'll get there someday; and Show me the way!...Every night I say a prayer in the hope that there's a heaven.

DAY THREE

Luke 19:1-10

VBS SONG

'Beautiful Ride'

Jessica Gross, song leader

DAY FOUR

Luke 21:14-20

SONG

'This little Light Of Mine'

DAY FIVE

Matthew 28:16-20

*HYMN

'Because He Lives'

No. 562

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

'Here I am, Lord'

No. 452

Karl Koza, soloist

*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

'Jesus Loves Me'

No. 113

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

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:

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

Sylvia Berry, Organist

Karl & Sue Koza, soloists

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:

Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC, Weymouth

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.



COMING THIS FALL

Cooking with Sequoia

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.

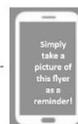
**BE A SUPERHERO
TO HOMELESS CHILDREN**



VOLUNTEER TO PLAY
just two hours a week with
Horizons for Homeless Children



High need in
Brockton, Stoughton, Attleboro,
Bourne, Hyannis, Middleboro & Taunton
Next training Saturday, 9/15/18
9:30-12:30 in Brockton





Fall Session, 2018

Beginning on Wednesday, September 19th, World Voices Youth Choir, for young women grades 6 through 12, will gather weekly for art and homework help, choir rehearsal, and dinner with table topics on character and leadership.

Call 508.586.3022 to register and wovos.org for more info.

RALLY DAY is Sunday, September 9th. We will have special activities as well as a luncheon after church – please come and help us kick off our month about INCLUSION. Registration forms will be available. Parents and adults who work with the children need to have a CORI check – please see Doug Anderson, Rev. Patricia, or Deana in the church office for more information. CORI forms will also be available on September 9th.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for Sunday School. Maybe it has been a long time since you taught Sunday School and you're feeling that "I could do it one more time" feeling. Consider taking one of the month's themes and leading a class. Maybe you have a passion for inclusion and welcome and hope our children will understand its importance. Maybe you wonder about forgiveness. Maybe you are all about caring. Consider adding to that conversation by teaching for a month. There will be a shepherd with each age group – someone who has made a longer term commitment to connect with the kids (but not have to prepare the lesson). Lesson plans include supply lists, the flow of the lesson for the day, an opening exercise, questions for discussion, a project/drama/activity, and closing prayer. Contact Rev. Patricia for more encouragement or to sign up.

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 Gratzner, 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 Pursell, 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 the family of Margaret Eaton Biscoombe (sister of Beth Eaton)

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. 8/26

9:55am Worship

Parents Meeting (upper wing after worship)

Mon. 8/27

6:30pm BIC (SOPA Training)

7:30pm Missions Committee Meeting

Tue. 8/28

9:30am Craft Group

Wed. 8/29

10:00am Bible Study

6:30pm BIC (SOPA Training)

Sun. 9/2

9:55am Worship

11:30am Christ Church's Leadership for BIC Meeting



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Welcome!