



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

September 2, 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

John McKean, Guest Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

*OPENING HYMN

'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

No. 5

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To the table of thanksgiving we come,

ALL: the guests of honor, each and every one of us.

Leader: To the table of thanksgiving we come,

ALL: our place assured, the meal prepared.

Leader: To the table of thanksgiving we come,

ALL: in hope and in love, ready to receive.

Leader: To the table of thanksgiving we come,

ALL: O Lord nourish us and quench our thirst for you.

Leader: To the table of thanksgiving we come. Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*in unison*)

We come to your table Lord, guests at a table of love and thanksgiving. Forgive us when our faith is weak and when our actions do not align with our beliefs.

May the promise of love and grace that you offer in abundance be ours to give away. Amen.

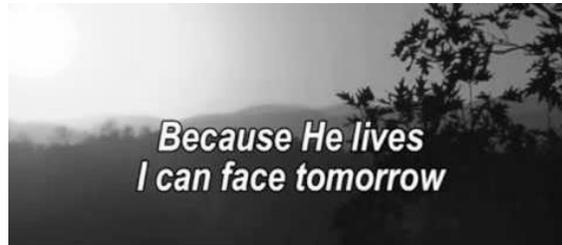
*Asterisk indicates all who are able may stand
Bold print indicates congregational response

KYRIE

'Because He Lives' (*chorus*)

No. 562

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future; and life is worth the living just because he lives.



*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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

'My 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.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

A READING FROM THE LETTERS

James 1:17-27

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL (*The Message*)

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

HOMILY

Rev. Patricia Hayes

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

*DOXOLOGY 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow' No. 48
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit, ever-more; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 'Come, Share the Lord' No. 408



THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: To the table of thanksgiving we come:

ALL: the guests of honor, each of us welcome.

Leader: To the table of thanksgiving we come:

ALL: our place assured, the meal prepared.

Leader: To the table of thanksgiving we come:

ALL: in hope and in love, ready to receive.

Leader: To the table of thanksgiving we come:

ALL O Lord, nourish us and quench our thirst for you.

Leader: To the table of thanksgiving we come. Amen.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God...

Therefore, with all who love and serve you in heaven and on earth, we raise our voices:

C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(Our communion table is open to all who seek a closer relationship with Jesus. Today we will receive by coming forward down the center aisle. Please allow us to place a piece of bread in your hands dip it in the grape juice, and eat, returning to your seat by the side aisle)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves to others.

Your love has made us a new people.

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts.

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

*HYMN

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

No. 4

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Please join us for coffee 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 hope that you will return next week.

Participating in today's service are:

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister
Erin Reardon, Minister of Visitation (at Central Square Bridgewater today, baptizing their minister's new baby)
Murray Kidd, Music Director (on vacation)
Sylvia Berry, Organist (on vacation)
John McKean, Guest Organist
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:

**Promise Church, South Weymouth
And
Quincy Point Congregational Church, UCC, Quincy**

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 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.

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, Florence Cronkhite, Dianna Dalida (Denise Cahill's friend), 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 Lois & Vern Yingling (Bill Cockshaw's parents).

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. 9/2

9:55am Worship

11:30am BIC Informational Meeting

11:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting

Mon. 9/3

Office Closed

Labor Day

Tue. 9/4

9:30am Craft Group

Wed. 9/5

10:00am Bible Study

Thur. 9/6

7:00pm Deacons Committee Meeting

7:00pm Vitality Meeting

Sun. 9/9

RALLY DAY

(Bring Backpacks)

9:55am Worship



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Welcome!

Rev. Patricia will be out of cell phone reach M – F at a conference. Please contact the office (508)586-3022, Adam Mitchell (774)240-0928, Jan Howard (617)775-9186, or Erin Reardon (617)368-0165, who will know how to reach her.