



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

Forgive And You Will Be Forgiven

9:55 a.m.

October 7, 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 for the beginning of worship, then will return for communion. 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

Murray Kidd

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'The Church's One Foundation'

No. 272

GATHERING PRAYER

INTROIT

'There is More Love Somewhere'

arr. Clif Hardin

A WORD ABOUT FORGIVENESS

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

'Go Now in Peace'

No. 437

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "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". The second system continues the lyrics: "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!". Chord symbols (C, G7, Am, F, G) are placed above the treble staff.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING OF MANY BREADS

Unleavened Bread: Unleavened bread reminds us of all who eat their bread in haste. May it symbolize for us all the refugees who, like the Jews of old, have to leave their homes and flee before danger. May it remind us too, of the homeless in our own city and country.

ALL: We pray, O God, for the uprooted people of the world; we remember the homeless in our own cities; let us in spirit be with all who wander seeking a home.

Rye Bread: In medieval England, rye bread was the staple of the working class. Let it represent for all, those who work and those unemployed who seek work.

ALL: We pray, O God, for all those who work, for those who work in dignity and for those whose work robs them of dignity.

Tortillas: The tortillas symbolize those who pray for their daily bread in Latin and Central America, places still torn with gang violence and conflict. Places where people send their children hundreds of miles from home, hoping they will find safety and security far from home. Let this bread speak to us of all who suffer in war, those who live in fear, those who are bereaved and persecuted, and those who yearn to eat their bread in peace.

ALL: We pray, O God, for the oppressed, the wandering children and their parents who seek peace in their lives so they may raise their children in a world sweetened by justice.

Saltines: The saltines represent to us the elderly, the salty ones, men and women who have endured, who have learned wisdom but who are fragile.

ALL: Let us remember, O God, those who are what we shall become, at the end of life may they be given their daily bread and your Shalom.

Shortbread: Shortbread brings to mind children, boys and girls and those who care for them. May this bread with its sweetness symbolize for us all those who must trustingly turn to others to provide their daily bread.

ALL: O God, for all the children of the world, we give thanks. Open us to hear their cry for daily bread that out of the bounty of the earth we may feed even the least of your beloved children.

Cornbread: May this bread, made gluten free, reminds us of Native Americans who had their land taken from them, and who in losing their land, lost hold of their way of life. Let this bread represent all those who have been forced from their homes and the land they love.

ALL: We pray, O God, for all those in past and present who, in war and by force, have been driven from their homes. The Jews in Europe, the peoples in many African countries, the native peoples of the Americas, the Palestinian and Israeli people, The Syrians and people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe. May your Shalom give us a vision of justice and healing that we may participate in now and in the coming days. AMEN

All are welcome for that 'this is God's table, not ours. And in God's kingdom no one goes hungry. Come for all things are ready.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP - All are welcome!

COMMUNION 'Come to the Table James Koerts

Come to the table, the table of grace; come and remember our Lord. He came from heaven to die in our place, passion and love He outpoured.

Refrain: Come to the table. Remember His hands and His side. Come to the table. Remember our Lord crucified.

Come to the table, the table of hope; trust in His unchanging care. He is our refuge, our fortress, our strength, rest from eternal despair. (*refrain*)

Come to the table of love. Come lay your burden on Him. He waits with arms open wide. O what a Savior and friend! (*refrain*)

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

'One Bread, One Body'

No. 393

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Eric Gross, a loving husband and father, on the 2 year anniversary of his passing.

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; Murray Kidd, Music Director; John McKean, Guest Organist: David Wilcox & Loren Stott, Sign Language

In Sunday School today, We will consider forgiveness.

At home or at Wednesday dinners, if we practiced a week of seeking forgiveness as the Jewish faith does, not just asking God to forgive us, but also asking people to forgive harm, would that be easy or hard to do? Why?

Memory Verse: Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Luke 6:37

Be sure to thank this month's teachers: Michelle Young-Ferguson, Matt Howard, Deana Colby, Debbie Bowman, Cara Harrigan, Tammy Blackler, and Mary Poole. Consider teaching in November. The November theme will be caring – for the elders, for the sick, for the homeless.

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

The First Church, West Bridgewater

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WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6PM

This week we will be having Pot Roast w/Veggies and a salad bar. Sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

UPCOMING DATES

- Oct. 7th:** Confirmation Kick-off w/Family 5:00pm
- Oct. 14th:** Blessing of the Animals 11:45am
- Oct. 17th:** Midday Music Organ Concert w/Dick Hill
- Oct. 20th:** New Member Classes
- Oct. 20th:** Dine with 7 @ 7
- Oct. 26th:** Silent Film Night "Phantom Of The Opera"
- Oct 27th:** Diversity Reading Group "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson
- Oct. 28th:** Trunk or Treat: Kids come in costume, following worship.
- Nov. 3rd:** HARVEST FAIR

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), Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Brenda Eckstrom (Janet's niece-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), David Milton, Joyce Morse (Lisa Sparling's Mother), 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, Lois & Vern Yingling (Bill Cockshaw's parents), and the families of Florence Cronkhite and Dan Dunklee.

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. 10/7

9:55am Worship
11:15am Christ Church Leaders For BIC Meeting
12:00pm Cooking w/Sequoria
5:00pm Confirmation Class Kick-Off w/Family



Mon. 10/8

Office Closed
7:30pm Missions Committee Meeting

Tue. 10/9

9:30am Craft Group
6:30pm BIC Meeting
7:00pm Fiber Fellowship

Wed. 10/10

10:00am Bible Study
11:30am Organ Completion Committee Meeting
6:00pm Dinner
6:45pm Adult Choir
7:00pm BIC Public Meeting
8:15pm Adult Bells

Thur. 10/11

7:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
7:00pm Finance & Property Committee Meeting

Sun. 10/14

8:00am Music Committee Meeting

9:55am Worship

11:15am Junior Ringers

11:15am Youth Choir

11:45am Blessing Of The Pets

12:00pm Senior & Junior Youth Group Mask Making



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Welcome!