



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

March 3, 2019

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 gathering prayer, 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

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 'When Morning Gilds the Skies' No. 100

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, you have called us to the mountain top.

People: Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.

Leader: Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

People: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.

Leader: Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

People: Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you. AMEN.

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

INTROIT 'The Gift of Love' Traditional American Folk Tune
arr. Hal Hopson

Come spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed.

GATHERING PRAYER

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT 'Jesus Loves Me' vs 1 & 3 No. 113
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him
belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus
loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way; wanting as a friend
to give, light and love to all who live. (*chorus*)

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*in unison*)

**We would love to stay on the mountain top, but you have asked us to
be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable
and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive
us, Lord, when we are stubborn or complacent. Remind us that you
are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go
to the valley where this is struggle and strife; where healing is
needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to you.
Heal us, Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

KYRIE chorus of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" No. 557
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close
to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

*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 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing' vs 1 & 4 No. 5
O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories
of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever given by saints below and
saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE Luke 9:28-36

ANTHEM 'High Up On a Mountain' Lloyd Larson

High up on a mountain, in a quiet place, they were prayin'. Peter, James
and John with Jesus in that place, they were prayin'. When there came
forth from face of Jesus a brilliant light gleaming like the sun. His raiment all
aglow, and white as the whitest snow with radiance brightly shining.

High up on a mountain, in a quiet place, they were prayin'. Peter, James
and John with Jesus in that place, they were prayin'. Then appeared Elijah,
with Moses at his side, speaking to Jesus of the coming days; speaking of
Jerusalem and of great sorrow; speaking of destiny.

High up on a mountain, in a quiet place, they were prayin'. Peter, James
and John with Jesus in that place, they were prayin', Peter, James, and
John heard the power of Christ proclaimed: "This is my beloved Son in
whom I am well pleased."

SERMON Rev. Patricia Hayes

MORNING PRAYER

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 'Shine, Jesus, Shine' Graham Kendrick

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, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father'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.

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...

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory. Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your
story. Shine on me...

*DOXOLOGY 'All Creatures of Our God and King' vs 4 No. 22

And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part, sing praises,
Alleluia! You who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God, who knows your
ev'ry care. O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 'Spirit of the Living God' No. 259

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

*(This is a prayer where we call everyone to come to the table of
thanksgiving and love)*

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:

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 (B-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!". The chords indicated above the notes are C, G7, Am, F, G, C in the first system, and F, G7, C, Am, F, G7, C in the second system.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*remembering the story of Jesus as he blessed the bread and wine*)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (*praying for the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and juice*)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(We will receive communion today by coming forward. Our table is open to all. If you cannot come forward, please signal a deacon. We will serve you in your pew. Please allow us to place a piece of bread or gluten-free wafer in your hands, eat it, then take a small cup of grape juice, drink it, and return the cup to the tray, returning to your seat by the side aisle)

COMMUNION MUSIC

'Hosanna, Loud Hosanna/I Sing the Mighty Power of God'

ELLACOMBE. Gesangbuch der Hervogl, 1784.

arr. Bill Ingram.

Jr. Ringers:

Angela Colby, Nicholas Colby, Ronan Cords, Xander Cords, Jessica Gross, Sofia Shelley-Wyss, Serenity Young-Ferguson

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

‘Because He Lives’

No. 562

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Informational Meeting Following Worship after to hear the Council’s plan for the pastoral transition. Rev. Patricia’s retirement is a long way off (more than 10 months) but the congregation needs to adopt a plan for the search process. There will be a congregational meeting on March 10th to vote on the proposed process.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the closing music downstairs in the fellowship hall. 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

Jilliann Larson, Director of Christian Education

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language

WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM - ASH WEDNESDAY

This week we will be having Pancakes and Sausages. Sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

March 6th: Young At Heart @ noon (Pancakes and Ashes)

March 10th: Special Congregational Meeting After Worship

March 17th: BACH Birthday Bash Concert (3:00 pm)

April 6th: Scholarship Dinner (*See Vitality For Tickets*)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Lois Cyr, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, David & Marilyn Fairbanks, Russ Gillpatrick, Janet Hodnett, Ruth Melanson, Mildred Miele, Geneva Prince, Arthur Sawyer, Barbara Smith, and Anna Thomas.

And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:

Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Jean Cappeillo, Luke Creedon, Joyce Day (mother of Luanne Cockshaw), Frank DePaola (Denise Cahill's brother-in-law), Bobby Dornan (friend of Janet Hodnett), Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Brenda Eckstrom (Janet's niece-in-law), Alice Farnsworth, Nelda Hayes, Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), Clyde Kidd, Rebecca Lacourse, Linda Madden, Carl Manoogian (George's son), James McGunnigal (Pat Illsley's Father), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), David Milton, Joyce Morse (Lisa Sparling's Mother), Michelle Pursell, Fernanda Quimby, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), Luane Rich, David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), Monica Schmick (friend of Lily Radau), Poppy (Howard) Sennett, Kari Shaeffer (niece of Luanne Cockshaw), Fran Shaw (mother of Stephen Shaw), Norm Shippee, George Sparling (Jay's cousin), Kevin Vogt, John Walsh Sr. (Denise Maloof Walsh's father-in-law), and Henry White.

For those in the military, especially:

Scott Allen, Kathleen Hamilton, Michael J. Harris, Andrew Johnson, Jeff Kennedy, Alex (Pasha) Ozelius, Major Steven Simmons, Derek Stanley and Bradford Townsend.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 3/3

8:00am Adult Bell Ringers
9:55am Worship
11:15am Youth Choir
11:15am Informational Meeting In Wing
Vitality Meeting after Everything



**SERRV TABLE WILL BE
OPEN ON MARCH 10th**

Mon. 3/4

Office Close
6:30 BIC Meeting (movie)

Wed. 3/6

ASH Wednesday
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Young At Heart (pancakes)
6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm BIC Meeting
6:45pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thur. 3/7

7:00pm Deacons Meeting

Sun. 3/10

8:00am Adult Bell Ringers
9:55am Worship
11:00am Congregational Meeting
11:15am Junior Ringers
11:15am Youth Choir



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