



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community
Fifth Sunday Of Lent

9:55 a.m.

April 7, 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

John McKean, Guest Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Bring Many Names'

No. 10

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Spring is about to break forth!

P: In all the land, new life is happening!

L: Feel the wonder and power of God's creative energy

P: Feel the awe and joy of God's love for us.

L: Let us worship God with a full sense of joy and expectation.

P: Let us open our hearts, our spirits, our souls, to God's lavish love. AMEN.

INTROIT

'We Are Not Alone'

Pepper Choplin

GATHERING PRAYER

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

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
every-where, every-where you may go.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(in unison)*

**Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other
circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. We hear the
words “if only” and wonder why things didn’t happen differently for
us. Things happen which we didn’t plan for and events swirl around
us over which we have no control. Forgive us when we are so busy
placing blame that we don’t recognize your presence and love for us.
Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the
world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that
ministry. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN**

KYRIE ‘Live in Charity’ No. 523
Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell in you.
(several times)

*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 ‘The Gift of Love’ verse 3 No. 526
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.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN John 12:1-8

ANTHEM ‘Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord’ Paul Baloche
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. I want to see you. I want to see you high
and lifted up, shining on the light of your glory; pour out your pow’r and
love, and we sing, “Holy, holy, holy.”

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 'In This Very Room' Ron and Carol Harris

In this very room, there's quite enough love for one like me, and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

In this very room, there's quite enough love for all of us, and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

In this very room, there's quite enough love for all the world, and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

*DOXOLOGY 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow' No 47
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 'There is a Balm in Gilead' No. 510

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...

(the prayer goes on, and ends with:)

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

The musical score consists of two systems, 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 with: "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 *(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. 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. If you cannot come forward, please signal a deacon and we will serve you in your pew.)

COMMUNION MUSIC *(join in these hymns as you are able)*

“Let Us Break Bread Together” No. 425

Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together
on our knees, When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O
Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together...

Let us praise God together....

“Kum ba Yah” No. 590

Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah, O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone’s crying...

Someone’s singing....

Someone’s praying....

“Eat This Bread” No. 414

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this
bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

(repeat many times)

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.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE TAKING HOME COMMUNION

*HYMN

'Just a Closer Walk with Thee'

No. 557

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

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 we 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
- John McKean, Guest Organist
- David Wilcox, Sign Language
- Loren Stott, Sign Language

REMINDER: EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Please find an order form on the information counter. The deadline for this year's memorial list is April 14th. Please indicate whether you would like to take your flower or have it delivered to an elder member.

CANDY NEEDED: Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 20th at 10:30am. Contributions of individually wrapped nut-free candy are appreciated. Please bring to church office by April 7th.

**Last Saturday in Lent from 9:00 - 11:00am
Breakfast and Beliefs**

April 13th: Holy Week Focal Points: What does Holy Week mean to you?

WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Baked Chicken and Baked Potatoes with a Salad Bar. Please sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14th: Palm Sunday (service at usual time, 9:55)

April 17th: Lamentations of Jeremiah, a brief service to begin the special services of Holy Week (6:45 pm)

April 18th: Maundy Thursday – the service of Tennebrae (7:00 pm)

April 19th: Good Friday – The Passion of Jesus according to John, led by Murray Kidd and the choir (7:00 pm)

April 20th: Easter Egg Hunt (10:30 am)

April 21st: Sunrise Service led by the Confirmation Students
(6:30 am)

Breakfast (7:00 - 8:45 am)

Easter Music Presentation (9:25 am)

Easter Celebration Service (9:55 am)

MIDDAY MUSIC

“Lenten Reflections”

Wednesday, April 10th @ 12:15pm

With Organist, Merry Foxworth

Hearing Assistive Devices are available at the back of the sanctuary, please ask a deacon.



SERRV TABLE WILL BE OPEN ON APRIL 14th

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Steve & Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, David & Marilyn Fairbanks, Russ Gillpatrick, Janet Hodnett, Edie Liolios, 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 Cappelillo, Bill Cockshaw, 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, Sandy Peterson Nuzum (friend of Barbara Moody), Mary Poole, Michelle Purssell, Fernanda Quimby, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), 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), Linda Holland Simpson (sister of Barbara Holland Moody), George Sparling (Jay's cousin), Shirley Strangis, Kevin Vogt, and Henry White.

For those in the military, especially:

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

Bereavement: We pray for the family of John Walsh Sr. (Denise Maloof Walsh's father-in-law)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 4/7

8:00am Adult Bell Ringers
9:55am Worship
11:15am Junior Ringers
11:15am Youth Choir
Confirmation Class after worship

Mon. 4/8

Office Close
7:30pm Missions Meeting

Tue. 4/9

6:30pm BIC Meeting (SOPA1)
6:30pm Transition Team Meeting
7:00pm Fiber Fellowship

Wed. 4/10

10:00am Bible Study
12:15pm Midday Music Organ Concert w/Merry Foxworth
1:30pm Bell Ringers
4:45pm Support Group w/Leigh-Ann Larson
6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm BIC Meeting
6:45pm Adult Choir

Thur. 4/11

6:00pm CE Meeting
7:00pm Finance & Property Meeting

Sat. 4/13

9:00am Breakfast & Beliefs

Sun. 4/14

Palm Sunday
8:00am Adult Bell Ringers
9:55am Worship
11:15am Junior Ringers
11:15am Youth Choir



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