



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

Second Sunday After Pentecost

9:55 a.m.

June 23, 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 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

*HYMN

'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'

No. 25

CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Kings 19, Psalm 42, Galatians 3)

We often feel as if we are wandering through our lives,
searching for something we cannot name.

We come today to listen for hope, to pray for strength,
and to experience God's love.

Speak to us of faith, hope, and love, O Lord.

As the deer longs for flowing water in the wilderness,
we long to drink deeply of God's promise for us.

Knowing God is here, we join together on our journey.

Lead us to your still waters, O Lord.

Imprisoned by rules of our own making,
we come to remember and claim our faith.

Assured by the vision of Christ,
whose sacrifice leads us to heaven,
we come in fellowship with one another.

Clothe us in the love of Christ, O Lord.

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

With shouts of praise and songs of thanksgiving,
we come to celebrate the God of hope,
the Spirit of peace, and the Christ of redeeming love.

We come to pray.

We come to sing.

We come to worship and praise.

GATHERING PRAYER

PSALM 42



PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*in unison*)

**Lord of the ages,
in our busy lives,
we do not always make time to love, to pray,
or to sing your praises.
We want to be strong,
yet we often feel out of control:
buffeted by the winds of change,
rocked by the earthquakes in our relationships,
burned by the fires of doubt.
Forgetting what we cannot see,
we ask, “Why have you forgotten me?”
Help us trust your presence,
even when we feel utterly alone,
trapped in our dark night of the soul.
With the promise of Christ as our hope,
lead us from our own wilderness wanderings
into the well-tended garden of your love.**

KYRIE

‘Spirit of the Living God’

No. 259

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*please stand for a blessing*)

*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

'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!

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Galations 3:23-29

SPECIAL MUSIC

'One of Us'

by Joan Osborne

Soloist, Jessica Gross

If God had a name what would it be?
And would you call it to his face?
If you were faced with Him in all His glory
What would you ask if you had just one question?

And yeah, yeah, God is great
Yeah, yeah, God is good
And yeah, yeah, yeah-yeah-yeah

What if God was one of us?
Just a slob like one of us
Just a stranger on the bus
Tryin' to make his way home?

If God had a face what would it look like?
And would you want to see if, seeing meant
That you would have to believe in things like heaven
And in Jesus and the saints, and all the prophets?

(refrain)

Just tryin' to make his way home
Like back up to heaven all alone
Nobody callin' on the phone
'Cept for the Pope maybe in Rome

(refrain)

Just tryin' to make his way home
Like a holy rolling stone
Back up to heaven all alone
Just tryin' to make his way home
Nobody callin' on the phone
'Cept for the Pope maybe in Rome

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Luke 8:26-39

SERMON

Rev. Jane MacIntyre

HYMN

'Dear God, Embracing Humankind'

No. 594

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.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

'All People That On Earth Do Dwell' vs 4

No. 18

Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure, whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

'You Satisfy the Hungry Heart'

No 429

*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. Jane MacIntyre (filling in for Rev. Patricia)
- Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister (*vacation*)
- Jilliann Larson, Director of Christian Education
- Murray Kidd, Music Director (*on summer break*)
- Sylvia Berry, Organist
- David Wilcox, Sign Language
- Loren Stott, Sign Language

Our New Roof At The Christ Congregational Church Was Done In One Day!





Would you prayerfully consider being on a Care Team one week a month -- I'm thinking if we had 4 teams, one for each week of the month, to send cards, visit, make meals, or make phone calls we would have a great system going! Each person on the team would do one thing that week. If 6 outreach efforts happened each week, 24 kindnesses would be accomplished each month. We would need perhaps 6 people on a team with a team leader who would be in touch with me as to what help is needed. Some months your coordinator would likely ask if you could do one of the above tasks - some months you wouldn't be called on... If that calls your name, please email me. **We have 18 of the needed 24, how terrific is that in the first week!! -- sign up Sunday to help out!! ~Rev. Patricia**



July 21st & 28th
August 4th & 11th

Summer preaching schedule! Instead of taking vacation in a block, I am trying to plan it around Fred’s treatment schedule. So here is the proposed schedule, subject to change:

RP on vacation July 4th-16th with **Rev. Jeff Johnson preaching on July 7th.**

RP on vacation July 27th-August 7th with **Rev. Katrina Clinton preaching on July 28th**
and Rev. Jeff Johnson preaching on August 4th.

RP on vacation August 24th-28th with **Barry Shelley preaching on August 25th.**

RP on vacation September 9th-18th with **Ann-Marie Illsley preaching on September 15th.**

RP on vacation October 4th-9th with **Rev. Jane MacIntyre preaching on October 6th.**

In case of pastoral emergency, call the church office during business hours (508)586-3022

After hours call Jan Howard (617)775-9186 or Adam Mitchell (774)240-0928, until June 30th.

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, Geneva Prince, Arthur Sawyer, Barbara Smith, and Anna Thomas.

And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:

Carol Beffert-Banks, Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Bob Brown (Luanne Cockshaw's friend), Donna Costa, Luke Creedon, Pat DeSignore (Mary Poole's sister), 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), Lucy Guarnieri (cousin of Elizabeth Vann), Dan Harrigan (Cara's husband), Rev. Fred Hayes, Al Hefler, Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), Lorraine Kent (Mary Poole's cousin), Clyde Kidd, Rebecca Lacourse, Linda Madden, Ken Maloof, Carl Manoogian (George's son), James McGunnigal (Pat Illsley's Father), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), Sandy Peterson Nuzum (friend of Barbara Moody), Fernanda Quimby, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), Luane Rich, David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), Akiko Sato (friend of Sylvia Berry), Monica Schmick (friend of Lily Radau), Poppy (Howard) Sennett, George Sparling (Jay's cousin), 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 6/23

9:55am Worship

Mon. 6/24

Office Closed

Tue. 6/25

9:30am Craft Group

7:00pm Fiber Fellowship (Off-Site)

Wed. 6/26

10:00am Bible Study

6:30pm BIC Meeting

Sun. 6/30

9:55am Worship



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