



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community
Communion Sunday

9:55 a.m.

July 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 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

Barry Shelley, Moderator

*HYMN

'Morning Has Broken'

No. 53

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the midst of our troubles, we cry aloud to God.

P: God always hears our cries and responds to our needs.

L: God brings us up out of our trouble and sets us in a safe place.

P: God comforts and restores our souls.

L: The Lord has turned our mourning into dancing!

P: We have been clothed with joy and hope! AMEN.

GATHERING PRAYER

PSALM 30

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*in unison*)

Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we have proclaimed liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, terror, and fear. We live in those chains, often not knowing that there is really any other way. We have become accustomed to our imprisonment. Forgive us when we turn away from your freeing love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

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

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! Lord God Almighty' 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 LETTERS

Colossians 1:1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC

'His Eye is on the Sparrow'

Soloist, Karl Koza

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?

Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home.

When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears.

Though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. [Refrain]

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,

I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free:

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. [Refrain]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 25:34-40

SERMON

Rev. Jeff Johnson

HYMN

'Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant'

No. 490

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

'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ'

No. 422

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:

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 g - 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, then dip it in the chalice of grape juice, then eat, 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 'Let Us Break Bread Together'
Soloist, Karl Koza

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 on our knees,
Let us drink wine 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 praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

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

'Lead On, O Cloud of Presence'

No. 633

*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. Jeff Johnson

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister (on 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



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Dorothy Holland on the second anniversary of her passing from her family.



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. **Sign up Sunday to help out!! ~Rev. Patricia**

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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-13th 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.**

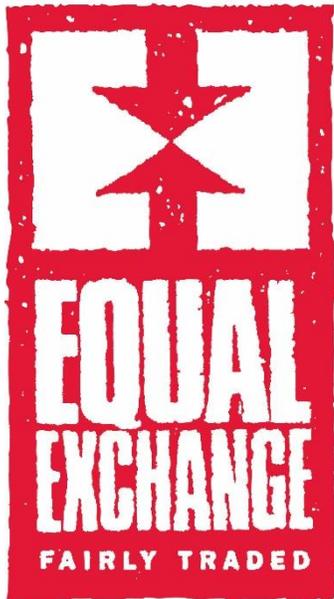
RP on vacation August 24th-28th with **Barry Shelley preaching on August 25th.**

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 Barry Shelley (857)210-3152



TODAY

**Equal Exchange Fundraiser to
benefit the Organ Fund**

Today, visit the table in Fellowship Hall to check out Fair Trade food items from Equal Exchange that the Organ Completion Committee is offering this summer.

For sale today: Regular and decaf coffee and single serve coffee cups, as well as mini-chocolates in milk chocolate and dark chocolate. Other items can be ordered for pick up on August 18th.

Thanks for your support!

Photo Courtesy of Equal Exchange

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Steve & Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, 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:

Lindsay Alden, Carol Beffert-Banks, Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Bob Brown (Luanne Cockshaw's friend), 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, Lorraine Kent (Mary Poole's cousin), Kayleigh Lopez (Lisa Sparling's niece), Carl Manoogian (George's son), Sandy Peterson Nuzum (friend of Barbara Moody), Jaymie O'Connor (friend of Lisa Sparling), 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), George Sparling (Jay's cousin), 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. 7/7

9:55am Worship

Mon. 7/8

Office Closed



Tue. 7/9

9:30am Craft Group

6:45pm BIC Meeting (Education)

Wed. 7/10

10:00am Bible Study

6:30pm BIC Meeting (Co-Op)

Thur. 7/11

6:30pm BIC Meeting (Civic)

7:00 pm Transition Team Meeting

Sun. 7/14

9:55am Worship



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