



**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



First Congregational Church of Stoughton

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OF CHRIST**

An Open and Affirming Congregation

April 19, 2020

**Holy Humor Sunday**

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! While we can't be together physically, we are glad to join our two congregations together for worship online. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**MUSIC TO STOP THE TALKING**

An Assortment of Easter Hymns

Played on an Assortment of Historical Keyboard Instruments

Sylvia Berry and Dale Munsch, harpsichords and fortepianos

**JOVIAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Barry Shelley

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come and celebrate! Let us shout joyfully to the Lord, our God.

**All: Let praise break forth in all we do.**

One: May joy and praise fill our hearts, our songs, and our prayers.

**All: Let our laughter be deep, for we are God's grateful people.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who calls us to joy.

**All: Let the whole world sing God's praises!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Mary Perry

**HYMN**

'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today'

(see insert below)

**A TIME FOR ALMOST EVERYONE**

Ann-Marie Illsley

**A MOMENT FOR MIRTH**

Robert Perry

## **THE GOOD NEWS**

### **Listen for the word of God in Psalm 100:**

Marcia Olson

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

### **Listen for the word of God in First Peter 1:3-9:**

Alice Farnsworth

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## **A MOMENT FOR MIRTH**

Murray Kidd

## **NAP TIME**

Rev. Mary Perry

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Sharing our joys and concerns

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father (Creator), 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 (trespasses), as we forgive those who sin (trespass) 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.

## **PAY IT FORWARD- A Time of Gifts and Offering**

Your offerings help our churches continue their ministries. If you're able, please consider giving. Pledges and offerings can be mailed in, or online giving options are available through both churches' websites.

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[www.uccstoughton.org/online-giving/](http://www.uccstoughton.org/online-giving/)

## **HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

(see insert below)

## **A MOMENT FOR MIRTH**

Ann-Marie Illsley

## **GOOD WORDS FOR LEAVING**

## **MUSIC TO START THE TALKING AGAIN**

Ludvig van Beethoven

Bagatelle in Ab Op. 33 No. 7  
Sylvia Berry, Viennese fortepiano

## **Participating in Today's Service**

Rev. Mary Perry

Ann-Marie Illsley

Murray Kidd

Sylvia Berry

Dale Munsch

Dr. Alexander 'Al' Breve

Marcia Olson

Alice Farnsworth

Barry Shelley

# 216 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Descant*

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, A - le - lu - ia!

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,  
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Fol - low - ing our Head, A - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say,  
 Where, O death, is now your sting?  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,  
 Made like him, like him we rise,

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
 Christ has op - ened par - a - dise.  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

Al - le - lu - ia!

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# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Descant*

4. Mor-tals, join the hap - py cho - rus; stars of morn - ing, take your part;

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
 4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus; stars of morn - ing, take your part;

love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, bind - ing those of ten - der heart. So

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, bind - ing those of ten - der heart.

sing - ing, move we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive our fear and doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, all who live in love are thine;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. Edward Hodges, 1864;  
desc. Susan Adams, 1995

HYMN TO JOY

joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.  
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.