



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



First Congregational Church of Stoughton  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
An Open and Affirming Congregation

May 3, 2020

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.

## **PRELUDE**

Sylvia Berry, organ

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by J.S. Bach

Prelude in C major from the Lüneburg Organ Tablatures

Prelude in C minor by J.C.F. Fischer

## **RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Barry Shelley

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus, you are our shepherd. We shall never want.

**All: You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside the still waters. You restore our souls. You guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake.**

Leader: Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil, for you, Christ, comfort us.

**All: Jesus has prepared a table for us in the presence of our foes; Jesus has anointed us with the oil of salvation; our cup runs over!**

Leader: Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives,  
And we will dwell in the house of our Holy Savior forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **HYMN**

'Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna'

*(hymn included below)*

## **A TIME FOR ALL**

Ann-Marie Illsley

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

## **Psalm 23**

Jeffrey Illsley, Sr.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

## **Acts 2:42-47**

John Baglole

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## **SERMON**

Ann-Marie Illsley

## **ANTHEM**

Psalm 23

Bobby McFerrin

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE 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.

### **A TIME FOR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

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.

[www.brocktonucc.org/donate/](http://www.brocktonucc.org/donate/)

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

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Because we cannot be together to share this sacrament, we ask that you gather the communion elements (bread and juice) from what is in your home. The communion elements used by Christians vary across culture and tradition. You can use a piece of bread or a cracker and some juice or water (whatever you have will be just fine) and we will bless these elements together.

#### **Invitation**

Communion is open to any and all who want a closer relationship with Christ

#### **Prayer of Consecration**

We bless the elements and ask God to be present in this sacrament

#### **Words of Remembering**

We remember the story of Jesus and his disciples sharing the first communion meal

#### **Sharing of the Elements**

Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven. We are one in Christ in the bread we share. Eat a piece of the bread or cracker Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing. We are one in Christ in the cup we share. Drink the juice or water

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **HYMN**

'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms'

*(hymn included below)*

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

"Mozartian Variations on "Christ is Risen"

by Sylvia Berry

*Participating in Today's Worship Service*

Rev. Mary Perry and Ann-Marie Illsley, worship leaders

John Baglole and Jeffrey Illsley, Sr., lay readers

Murray Kidd, music director

Sylvia Berry, accompanist

Alisa Cassola, soloist

Serenity Young-Ferguson, flute

David Wilcox, ASL interpreter

# 222 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*Unison*

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days.
2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of des - pair.
3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der; all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend;  
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the first and last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1984  
MUSIC: Polish carol; arr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1926; harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

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# 560 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. *Refrain* Lean-ing,  
 Lean-ing on Je-sus

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on  
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,