



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



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

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Henok Kaptimer and Jayce Exell-Paiva

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

We are not troubled. We believe in God!

God's house has many dwelling places.

Christ himself has gone to prepare a place for us.

We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

For us, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

Let us worship God, made known to us in Christ Jesus.

HYMN

'Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether'

No. 392

(scroll down to music)

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, we acknowledge and confess in your presence the smallness of our love, the narrowness of our concern, the denial of our true humanity.

Through our careless hands have slipped opportunities not taken, people not cared for, days not celebrated. We are sorry for the ways of our unfaithfulness, and ask your forgiveness. We ask too, that you hear us now, as we share with you in silence that which is ours alone to confess.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:2-10

Colleen Cesario

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',
and
'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-4

Drew Cesario

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

SERMON

Rev. Mary L. Perry

ANTHEM

'Up To the Mountain'
(recorded during a previous worship service)

Patty Griffin, arr. Mac Huff
Sasha Zis, guest soloist

Commented [A11]:

I went up to the mountain because you asked me to, up over the clouds to where the sky is blue. I could see all around me, everywhere. I can see all around me, everywhere. Sometimes I feel like I've been nothing but tired, and I'll be walkin' till the day I expire. Sometimes I lay down, no more can I do; but then I go on again because you asked me to.

Somedays I look down afraid I will fall. And though the sun shines, I see nothing at all. And then I hear your sweet voice, Oh, come and then go; telling me softly You love me so, but sooner or later, it's there I will go. Sooner or later, it's there I will go.

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 trespasses (sins), as we forgive those who trespass (sin) against us. 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/

www.uccstoughton.org/online-giving/

OFFERTORY "The Call" - from *Five Mystical Songs* The Chancel Ringers
Ralph Vaughan Williams, Text by George Herbert, arr. K. McChesney

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 'Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation' No. 275
(scroll down to music)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service
Rev. Mary Perry and Ann-Marie Illsley, worship leaders
Murray Kidd, music director
Sylvia Berry, accompanist
Lay Readers:
Colleen Cesario, Drew Cesario,
Henok Kaptimer, Jayce Exell-Paiva
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter
The Chancel Choir
Chancel Ringers:
Doug Anderson, Carol Bradford, William Cockshaw, Jillian Larson,
Leigh-Ann Larson, Leo Larson, Sharon Quesnel

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 392

Unison

1. Draw us in the Spir-it's te - ther, for when hum - bly
 2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3. All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name, two or three are met to - geth - er, you are
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er break the
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing, we may

in the midst of them; Al - le - lu - ya! Al - le -
 bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ya, Al - le -
 be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ya, Al - le -

lu - ya! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ya, so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ya, we will serve with faith a - new.

WORDS: Percy Dearmer, 1931, alt.
 MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957; adapt. Jet Turner, 1967

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275 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3. Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 Hosts, to - day; with your faith - ful lov - ing kind - ness
 you to gain, what they gain from you for - ev - er

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.

WORDS: Latin hymn (7th century); tr. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry Purcell, c. 1680; adapt. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE