



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

June 21, 2020
9:55 am

Children and Youth Sunday

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 'Candle On the Water' Al Kasha, Joel Hirschhorn
Jennie Ostrow, piano

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sawyer

OPENING PRAYER Serenity

HYMN 'This Is the Day' No. 286

A TIME FOR ALL AGES: Baccalaureate

PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Deana Colby, Janet Eckstrom, Cara Harrigan, Sharron MacMullen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Holy God, we confess to You that we have not paid attention. We have failed to see signs of You at work around us in creation. We have failed to notice You at work in our neighbors, those who are different from us, those who are marginalized, those who are often forgotten. We have failed to recognize that You are at work inside of us, and we have resisted opening our hearts and changing our minds. Forgive us for our selfish ways. Forgive us for putting ourselves first, instead of humbling ourselves to You, humbling ourselves to the myriad of ways the Spirit is at work in us, around us, and among us. Call us back to Your ways. Help us to be open to experiencing You through the love and care of our neighbors, through the beauty and wonder and awe-inspiring power of nature, and most of all, to be open to new insights, understandings, and new ways of love. In the name of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit, and our Wondrous Creator, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN 'This Little Light Of Mine'

(*scroll down to music*)

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-4, 12-21

Colleen

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Matthew 5:13-16

Drew

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

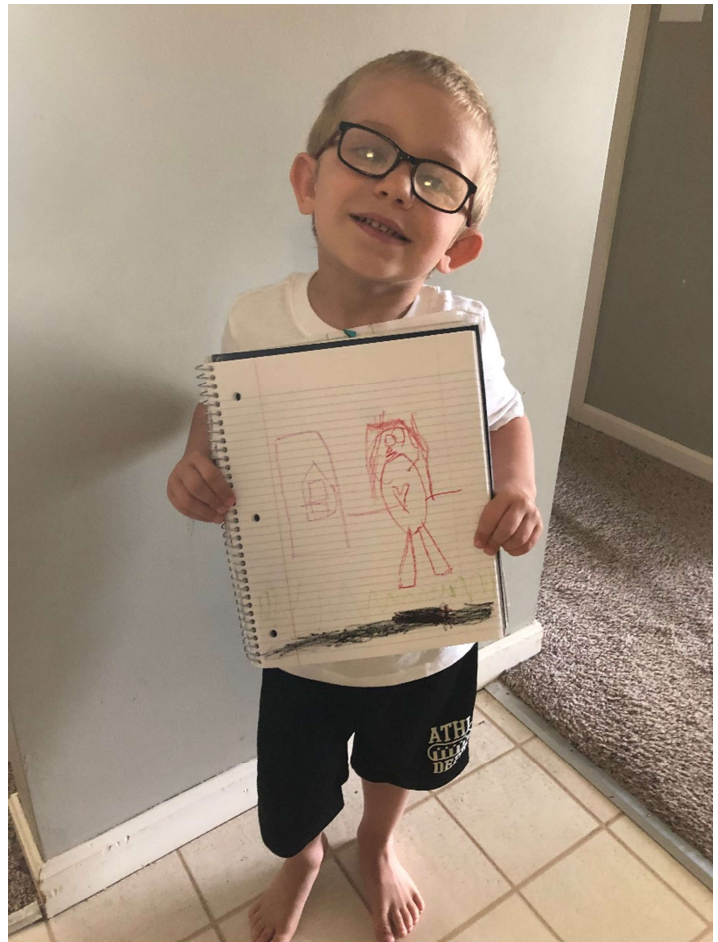
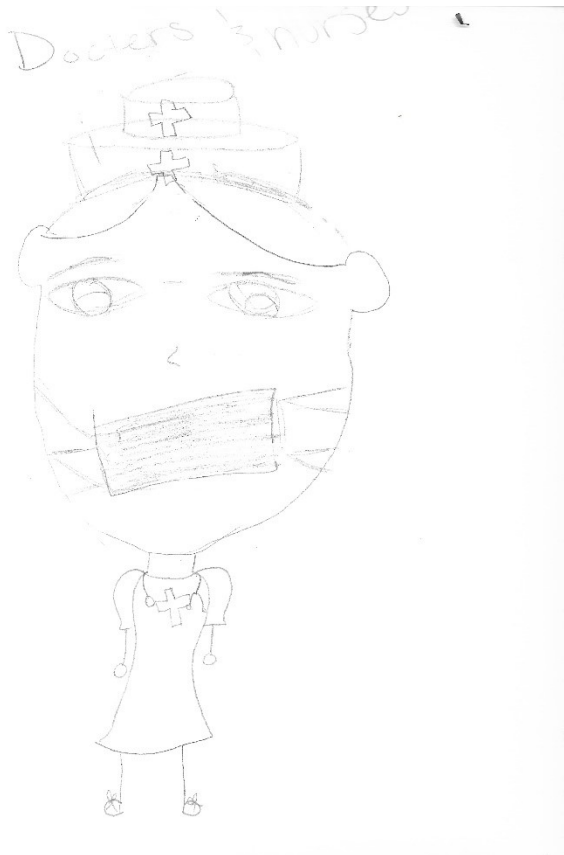
SERMON

Ann-Marie Illsley

ANTHEM

'Three Little Birds'

Bob Marley
Lauren, Henok, Jahannes and Jayce



PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hayley

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.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Christ calls us to let our lives and our work —salty, bright, and good— give witness to the reign of God in our midst. Let us generously offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure, that the glory of God may be recognized and celebrated in our world.

Let us offer our gifts to God at this time, to support the life and work of the people of God in our community, and around the world.

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OFFERTORY

'Fantaisie, Op. 79'

Gabriel Fauré
Serenity, flute

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

(scroll down to music)

'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

No. 631

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sylvia Berry, piano and Murray Kidd, cajón

Prelude in A-flat major
Linus and Lucy (aka The Charlie Brown Song)

Robert Vandall
Vincent Guaraldi

Participating in Today's Worship Service:
The Children and Youth of our congregations, worship leaders
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Sylvia Berry, Accompanist
Jennie Ostrow, Accompanist
Alisa Cassola, soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter
Ann-Marie Illsley, Bridge Pastor

This Is the Day

Unison

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the

Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be

glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the

Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

WORDS: Psalm 118:24, para. Les Garrett, 1967
MUSIC: Les Garrett, 1967

THE LORD'S DAY
Irr.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

WORDS: James Weldon Johnson, 1921
 MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

LIFT EVERY VOICE
 Irr.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.