



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



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

July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sonata in G major for two keyboards Op15/5

J.C. Bach

Sylvia Berry, Leon Schelhase

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us come together – people hungry for human contact.

Let us come together – folks who find our way forward one day at a time.

Let us come together – worshippers eager for a community of hope.

Let us come together – believers held by God's Big Dream for everyone.

Let us come together and worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION

HYMN

'Be Thou My Vision'

No. 595

(scroll down to music)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Whether you are alone or with others, let this be a time of private reflection. How is it with you today? How is your heart, your mind, your body, your soul? What journey did you make this week, travelling with other pilgrims on our life journeys during this time of Covid-19? Review the past week noticing the best moments, the most unexpected moments, the most challenging moments. Through it all God was there and is here now, listening. Let us offer to God anything that asks to be shared – anything. God has heard it all many times before, and yet, God eagerly awaits hearing directly from each of us. Let us be still in the presence of God.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURES

Psalms 69:13-18

Gini Hathaway

But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord.

At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love, answer me.

With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the Pit

close its mouth over me. Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.

Draw near to me, redeem me, set me free because of my enemies.

Matthew 7:7-11

Charlene Smith

'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

SERMON

Rev. Mary Perry

MUSIC

'There's a Wideness In God's Mercy'

No. 73

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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.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

God demonstrates such great generosity in response to our needs and requests. We are truly blessed. Let us share God's love with others as we present our tithes and offerings to our respective churches.

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www.uccstoughton.org/online-giving/

OFFERTORY HYMN

'Day by Day'

No. 599

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

'Eine kleine Gigue, K. 574'

W. A. Mozart
Sylvia Berry, fortepiano

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Mary Perry and Ann-Marie Illsley

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Accompanist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Lay Readers:

Charlene Smith and Gini Hathaway

Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought by day or by night,
 thou my re - deem - er, my love thou hast won,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

WORDS: Irish song (8th century); tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

SLANE
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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac-es for the good!
3. For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
4. If our love were but more sim-ple, we should rest up-on God's word;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1854
MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1877; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

WELLESLEY
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Day by Day

Day by day, day by day,

O, dear Lord, three things I... pray:

to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,

1.
fol-low thee more near - ly, day by day.

2. *ritard.*
day by day, by day, by day, by day.

* Small notes only on repeat

WORDS: Attr. Richard of Chichester (13th century), alt.
MUSIC: Stephen Schwartz, 1971

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