



**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

July 5, 2020

Fifth 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. This morning, we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion remotely. We hold that the communion table is open to any and all who desire a closer relationship with Christ. To prepare for this sacrament, we invite you to gather communion elements from what you have at hand, some bread or crackers and some juice or water.

**PRELUDE (9:50 am)**

Jennie Ostrow, piano

"Venetian Boat Song"  
"Berceuse" from 'Jocelyn'

Felix Mendelssohn Op.19 No. 6  
Benjamin Godard

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Barry Shelley

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Praise be to God, who rescues us, redeems us, and sets us free!

**All: Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,  
through whom all things were made, in heaven and on the earth.**

One: Praise be to the Spirit of God, whose presence sustains us,  
and whose breath renews all creation. May God be among us now in this time of worship!

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN**

'Come to Me, O Weary Traveler'

No. 353

*(scroll down to music)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Let us pray. Holy God, we are far from perfect. We make mistakes, we hurt others, we think too highly of ourselves, and take ourselves far too seriously. We wound those we love and distance ourselves from those we don't care to know. We expect too much of others and not enough of ourselves. And yet, we dream of a time when we will be kind and gentle, wise and considerate, open-minded and welcoming. Hear our prayers of confession this day, merciful God, and lead us to a humble path so that we may serve you and our neighbors, for we ask it in the name of the One who put you above all else, our Savior Jesus.

We ask that you hear us now as we bring before you in silence that which is ours alone to confess.

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

## SCRIPTURE

### Philippians 4:4-9

Janet Clough

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Adam Mitchell

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon';

the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The words of God for the people of God.

## SERMON

Rev. Mary Perry

## HYMN

'Halle-Halle Halleluja'

No. 41

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## CELEBRATION 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.

C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!  
 heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

### 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 at many tables receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

We come unto Christ in the Bread we share.

Let us in many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

We come unto Christ in the Cup we share.

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*(scroll down to music)*

‘One Bread, One Body’

No. 393

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**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**

Friends, God came to us in Jesus Christ so that we would know God's great love and generous compassion. Let us respond to this extravagant love as we offer our own gifts as witness to the saving power of such love in our lives. Please give to your respective church as you are able - thank you!

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### **OFFERTORY**

'Precious Lord, Take My Hand'

by Thomas A Dorsey  
Lisa Sparling, piano

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

"Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Unto Us Peace) unknown German composer  
"Tarantella" John Thompson

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

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

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Jennie Ostrow, Accompanist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Lisa Sparling, Music

#### **Lay Readers:**

Janet Clough

Adam Mitchell

*Unison*

1. Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to  
 2. Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not  
 3. Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my  
 4. Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in

me with your dis - tress; come to me, you hea - vy  
 fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -  
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -  
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is

bur - dened; come to me and find your rest.  
 fore you; do not run from me in fright.  
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty.  
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care.

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1990  
 MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992

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## Halle-Halle-Halleluja

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Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.

MUSIC: Caribbean

## One Bread, One Body

Refrain (Unison)

D7 G C G C G D Em B

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

Em D G Em A7 D7

one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And

G C G C G D Em B

we, though man-y through-out the earth,

Em D G Em A7 D7 G C (G) Fine

we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

WORDS and MUSIC: John B. Foley, 1978

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY  
44.6 w. refrain

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Em D Em D

1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,  
2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,  
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Em F Am D7

wom-an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all. One  
gath-ered to one, for all.