



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



August 24, 2025

10:00 am

AN ASTERISK IN THE BULLETIN INDICATES THAT ALL FOR WHOM IT IS COMFORTABLE SHOULD RISE FOR THAT PART OF THE SERVICE

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Howard

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'Come, You Disconsolate'

No. 502

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ *(Inspired By Psalm 71)*

Leader: Let us worship the Holy One, our refuge, hope, and trust. Our praise is continually of our God!

ALL: God will not put us to shame. God is our rock!

Leader: Turn to the God who saves and delivers. Our praise is continually of our God.

ALL: God's righteousness redeems. God is our shelter!

Leader: Find rest and delight in the Holy One. Our praise is continually of our God!

ALL: We lean upon the Holy One. God is our sure foundation!

GATHERING PRAYER¹

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco

***HYMN**

'Heal Me, Hands of Jesus'

No. 504

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹**

ALL: Holy God, we confess that we have trampled the Sabbath. We claim Your Name and not Your way. We cling to excuses to avoid discomfort or sacrifice in service of our neighbor. We turn from human suffering. We keep silent in the face of wickedness. Transform us, O God, that we might be saved from the vise of evil and the lure of inaction. Rebuild us with righteousness and hope; and redeem us for your kin-dom. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE¹**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

'Out of the Depths' (vs. 1)

No. 510

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:10-17

Healing on a Sabbath

¹⁰ Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. ¹² When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." ¹³ He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

¹⁴ The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

¹⁵ The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? ¹⁶ Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Kardisco

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Alex Green

During this time, we invite you to embrace the transition from hearing the word to gathering ourselves in prayer by taking a moment for quiet reflection either in your pew, or by coming forward to light a candle to give light to the prayer(s) on your heart that have no words to be expressed.

Come and Light a Candle...



PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(in unison)*

Our Creator (Father) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY¹

OFFERTORY

'There is a Balm in Gilead'

(Spiritual)

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'Amazing Grace' (vs. 1)

No. 546

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION¹**

ALL: Gracious and Generous God, receive these gifts of faith and trust. Help us to be good stewards of the resources you have given to us, and bless our generosity for your glory. Amen.

***HYMN**

'I've Got Peace Like a River'

No. 530

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

'The Solid Rock'

(Bradbury/Kim)

Participating In Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Alex Green, Music Director

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

¹Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. "After Pentecost 11c - August 24." *UCC Worship Ways*, United Church of Christ, 13 Aug. 2025, www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-11c-august-24/.

1. Come, you dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er you lan - guish,
 2. Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3. Here see the bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel!
 hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
 forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove:

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish:
 Here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

Earth has no sor - row that heaven can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that heaven can - not cure."
 Earth has no sor - row but heaven can re - move.

WORDS: Thomas Moore, 1816; adapt. Thomas Hastings, 1831
 MUSIC: Samuel Webbe, Sr., 1792

CONSOLATOR
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Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

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1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain;
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way;
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin;
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus; anx - i - e - ty shall cease,

re - store my hope, re - move my fear, and bring me peace a - gain.
let me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
dis - pel the mem - o - ries of guilt and bring me peace with - in.
and heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

WORDS: Michael Perry, 1982
MUSIC: Herbert S. Irons, 1861, alt.

SOUTHWELL
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Out of the Depths

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Unison

1. Out of the depths, O God, we call to you.
 2. Out of the depths of fear, O God, we speak.
 3. God of the lov - ing heart, we praise your name.

* Wounds of the past re - main, af - fect - ing all we do.
 Break - ing the si - lenc - es, the sear - ing truth we seek.
 Dance through our lives and loves; a - noint with Spir - it flame.

Fac - ing our lives, we need your love so
 Safe a - mong friends, our grief and rage we
 Your light il - lu - mines each fa - mil - iar

much. Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, † heal us by your touch.
 share. Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, hold us in your care.
 face. Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, meet us with your grace.

*Alt. 2nd line, st. 1, for AIDS healing services: Free us from fear of death, our faith and hope renew.
 Alt. 2nd line, st. 1, for services dealing with those abused as children: Wounds of abuse remain...*

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1988
 MUSIC: Ann MacKenzie, 1988

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Amazing Grace!

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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 4 anonymous
 MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

NEW BRITAIN
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I've Got Peace Like a River

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1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.

WORDS: African-American spiritual
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual

PEACE LIKE A RIVER
 77.10