



**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



May 17, 2026

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**

'For The Beauty Of The Earth'

No. 56

**CALL TO GATHERING<sup>1</sup>** *(Inspired By Psalm 68)*

One: Let God rise up! Sing to God; lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds - the Holy One - be exultant before God.

**Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!**

One: Let God rise up! Ascribe power to God, full of majesty and power.

**Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!**

One: Let God rise up! Awesome is God in the sanctuary, who gives power and strength to the people.

**Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!**

**Blessed be God!**

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**

**\*HYMN**

'Bring Many Names' (vs. 1-3 & 6)

No. 10

**\*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE<sup>1</sup>**

**ALL: Righteous God, you offer the newness of life and we cling to dry and desolate places. We withhold our trust and cling to the ways of the world while retreating from witnessing to your goodness in the world. We allow hopelessness to reign in our lives and direct our attitudes and actions. Help us, O God, to believe that resurrection is not a one time event but a way of being we commit to living. Let the resurrected live in us transform our being, thinking, and doing in the world. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF GRACE<sup>1</sup>**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

'Community Of Christ' (vs. 1)

No. 655

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

Dani Kardisco

## SCRIPTURE

## John 17:1-11

**Jesus prays**

17 When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son can glorify you. <sup>2</sup> You gave him authority over everyone so that he could give eternal life to everyone you gave him. <sup>3</sup> This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. <sup>4</sup> I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I shared with you before the world was created.

<sup>6</sup> "I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

<sup>9</sup> "I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one.

## SERMON

Rev. 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<sup>1</sup>**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 GENEROSITY<sup>1</sup>

## OFFERTORY

'Here I Am Lord'

(Schutte/Larson)

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'How Great Thou Art' (vs. 1)

No. 33

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION<sup>1</sup>**

**\*HYMN** 'Go, My Children, With My Blessing' No. 431

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** 'Rondo alla Turca' (from Sonata No. 11 in A Major) (Mozart)

**Participating In Today's Worship Service:**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor  
Alex Green, Music Director  
Abigail Nordan, Soloist  
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter  
Dani Kardisco, Faith Formation Director

<sup>1</sup>*Coming to You: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday in Easter Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.*

# For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 5. For thy church that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,

1. for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
 2. hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 3. for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
 4. friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
 5. of-fering up on ev-ery shore one pure sa-cri-fice of love,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise,

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864  
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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## Bring Many Names

*Litton* Eb A<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup>

1. Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,  
 2. Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,  
 3. Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,  
 4. Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,  
 5. Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,  
 6. Great, liv - ing God, nev - er - ful - ly known,

E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1. cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in  
 2. plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -  
 3. feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -  
 4. calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -  
 5. say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for  
 6. joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than

A<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1. glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and Ho -  
 2. qua - tion, gen - i - us at play; Hail and Ho -  
 3. giv - ing till we're re - con - ciled: Hail and Ho -  
 4. pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and Ho -  
 5. jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and Ho -  
 6. breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and Ho -

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1987  
 MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1987

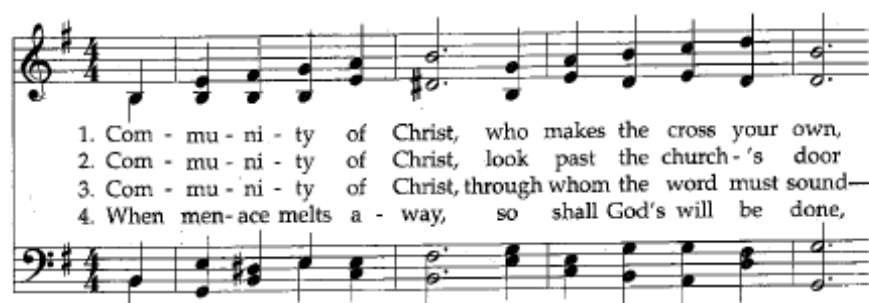
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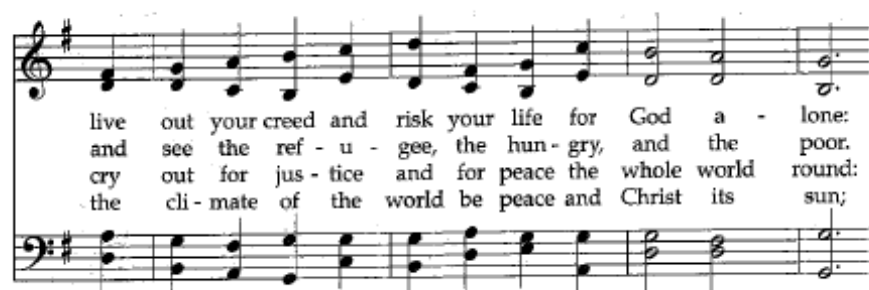
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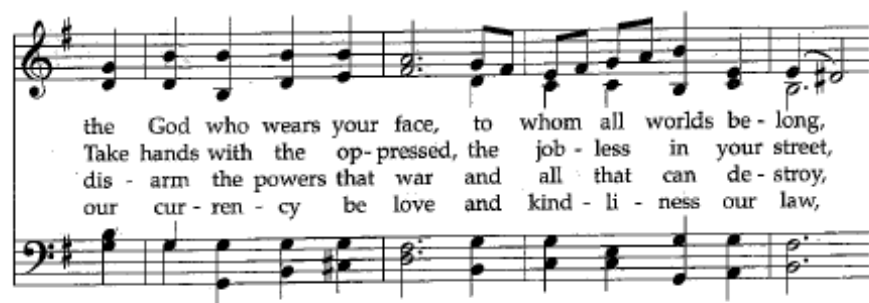
1. san - na! Bring man - y names!  
 2. san - na, strong moth - er God!  
 3. san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
 4. san - na, old, ach - ing God!  
 5. san - na, young, grow - ing God!  
 6. san - na, great, liv - ing God!



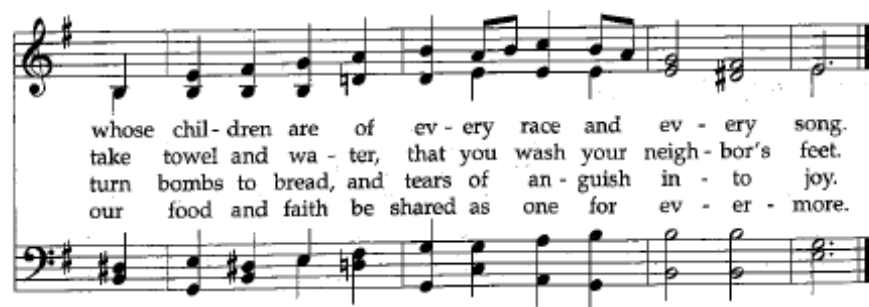
1. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who makes the cross your own,  
 2. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door  
 3. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—  
 4. When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,



live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:  
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.  
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:  
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;



the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,  
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,  
 dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,  
 our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,



whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.  
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.  
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.  
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1985  
 MUSIC: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Leoni, 1780

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1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears, all  
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise, the  
 3. Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the flow - ers bright, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair; in  
 God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair. All

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hands the won - ders wrought.  
 rust - ling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
 earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's crea - tures ev - ery - where.

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt.  
 MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA  
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## How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der  
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,  
 when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur  
 that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,

thy power through-out the un-i-verse dis-played,  
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art!

WORDS and MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine, 1953, based on a Swedish folk melody  
 and a poem by Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885

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*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to thee;

how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

# Go, My Children, with My Blessing 431

1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;  
 2. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv - en, at peace and pure,  
 3. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own;  
 here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;  
 grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

in my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for  
 here you heard my Son's dear sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er-filled you, here his ten - der com - fort

ev - er, go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing you are my own.  
 glo - ry, go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv - en at peace and pure,  
 stilled you; go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

WORDS: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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