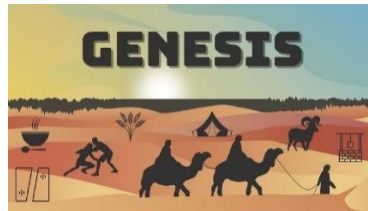




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



July 19, 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**

'We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God'

No. 64

CALL TO GATHERING¹ *(Inspired by Genesis 28, Psalm 139 & Romans 8)*

One: The Holy One is in this place! Do we know it?

Many: The Holy One has searched and known us, our path, and all our ways.

One: The Holy One is in this place! Such knowledge is too wonderful!

Many: Wherever we go, Spirit goes with us! We cannot flee for God is there!

One: The Holy One is in this place! Spirit bears witness with our spirit, and we gather and wait in hope.

Many: The Holy One is with us. Praise God!

OPENING PRAYER¹

***HYMN**

'God Is Here'

No. 280

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹**

ALL: Righteous God, test us and stretch us, strengthen us in your truth and justice, fortify us with resolve and power so that we might be the people you have called us to be. Holy One, even beyond forgiveness, we seek transformation. Renew our minds, open our hearts, and release our hands to repair, reconcile, and restore in your name. Keep us from being the cause of suffering. Equip us to be agents of healing. Make us attentive to your presence. Attune us to your will. Lead us on the path you have paved before us so that the grace we receive will sow seeds of redemption and healing in the world. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE¹**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

'There Is A Balm In Gilead' (vs. 1)

No. 501

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob's dream at Bethel

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and set out for Haran. ¹¹ He reached a certain place and spent the night there. When the sun had set, he took one of the stones at that place and put it near his head. Then he lay down there. ¹² He dreamed and saw a raised staircase, its foundation on earth and its top touching the sky, and God's messengers were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ Suddenly the LORD was standing on it^[a] and saying, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will become like the dust of the earth; you will spread out to the west, east, north, and south. Every family of earth will be blessed because of you and your descendants. ¹⁵ I am with you now, I will protect you everywhere you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised you."

¹⁶ When Jacob woke from his sleep, he thought to himself, The LORD is definitely in this place, but I didn't know it. ¹⁷ He was terrified and thought, This sacred place is awesome. It's none other than God's house and the entrance to heaven. ¹⁸ After Jacob got up early in the morning, he took the stone that he had put near his head, set it up as a sacred pillar, and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He named that sacred place Bethel,^[b] though Luz was the city's original name.

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

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

'God, Replace My Stony Heart'

(Irish Traditional/Duck)

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'Pues Si Vivimos' (When We Are Living) (vs. 1)

No. 536

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION¹**

***HYMN**

'Amazing Grace'

No. 546

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(Glaser/Mason/Callahan)

Participating In Todays Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Alex Green, Music Director

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Faith Formation Director

¹You Shall Spread: Service Prayers for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God 64



1. We sing your might-y power, O God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2. We sing your good-ness, sov-ereign God, who filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low, but makes your glo-ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.
 you formed the crea-tures with your word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from your throne.



We sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 Oh! how your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er we turn our eyes:
 While all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,



The moon shines full at your com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if we sur - vey the ground we tread, or gaze up - on the skies.
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784

ELLACOMBE
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1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of-fer
 2. Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our life-long
 3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's
 4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full-er mea-sure
 need of grace; here are ta-ble, fount, and pul-pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en,
 change and doubt keep us faith-ful to the gos-pel;

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1978

MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a-
 here the cross has cen-tral place. Here in hon-es-ty of
 Christ sus-tains us, as of old. Here the ser-vants of the
 help us work your pur-pose out. Here, in this day's ded-i-

round us, all our var-ied skills and arts wait the
 preach-ing, here in si-lence, as in speech, here, in
 Ser-vant seek in wor-ship to ex-plore what it
 ca-tion, all we have to give, re-ceive; we, who

com-ing of the Spir-it in-to o-pen minds and hearts.
 new-ness and re-new-al, God the Spir-it comes to each.
 means in dai-ly liv-ing to be-lieve and to a-dore.
 can-not live with-out you, we a-dore you! We be-lieve!

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole,

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

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Unison

1. Some - times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain, but
 2. If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can
 3. Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend; and

then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 tell the love of Je - sus, and say, "He died for all!"
 If you lack for knowl-edge He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

D.C.

WORDS: African-American spiritual
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Harold Moyer

BALM IN GILEAD
 ltr.

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Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)

Unisono (Unison)

1. Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa-ra Él vi - vi - mos
 2. En es - ta vi - da, fru-tos he - mos de dar.
 1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.

y si mo - ri - mos pa-ra Él mo - ri - mos.
 Las o - bras bue - nas son pa-ra o - fren-dar.
 and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
 Ya sea que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
 Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,

WORDS: St. 1 anonymous, tr. Elise S. Eslinger, 1983;
 st. 2, 3, 4 Roberto Escamilla, 1983, tr. George Lockwood, 1987
 MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; harm. *Celebramus*, 1983, alt.

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
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*Estribillo (Refrain)**last time to Coda*

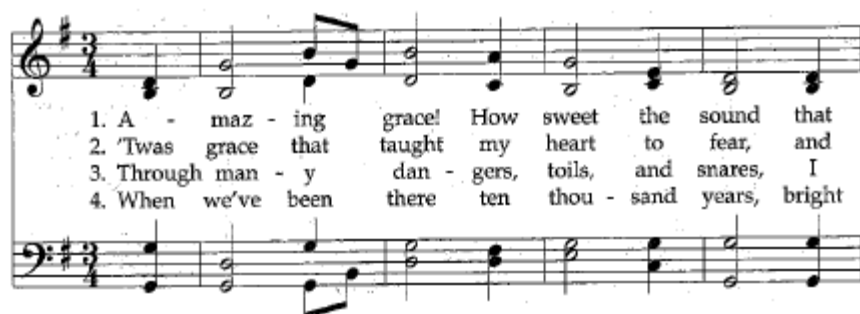
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 we be-long to God, we be-long to God.

Coda (Solamente la última vez)

So-mos del Se - ñor, so-mos del Se - ñor.
 We be-long to God, we be-long to God.

Amazing Grace!

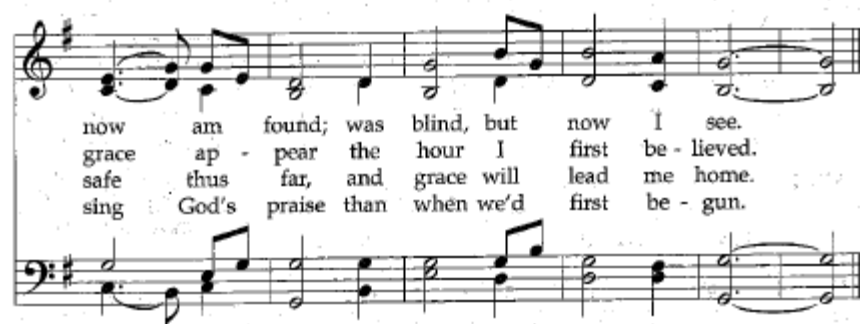
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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



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

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