CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



November 1, 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** 'Faith Of Our Fathers' No. 635

CALL TO GATHERING[1] *(Inspired By Psalm 34)*

Leader: Bless the Holy One with continuous praise. Magnify Love and let us exalt God's many names together!
ALL: We sought the Gracious One. God answered and delivered.
Leader: Bless the Sovereign One with boasting and gladness.
ALL: We turn to the Glorious God who radiates joy and safety upon us.
Leader: Bless the Mighty God who encamps around us!
ALL: O taste and experience that God is good! Praise the Holy One!

OPENING PRAYER[1]

***HYMN** 'Let Hope And Sorrow Now Unite' No. 639

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**[1]

ALL: Loving God, we confess that we have not embraced your vision of beloved community. We find ways to restrict who belongs and fail to make space for diversity and difference. We bicker over how we worship, and consider practices other than our own with indifference and disdain, rather than appreciation and curiosity. We allow the divisiveness of the world to separate your church. We center ourselves in worship and try to make you in our own image, rather than expanding the circle and recognizing your image in our neighbor. Transform us, O God, so that we may reflect the beauty of your creation and the vastness of your love. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**[1]

***SUNG RESPONSE** 'Abide With Me' (vs. 1-2) No. 636

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-17

The great crowd and seventh seal

9 After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out with a loud voice:

"Victory belongs to our God
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

11 All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, 12 saying,

"Amen! Blessing and glory
and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and always. Amen."

13 Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

14 I said to him, "Sir, you know."

Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. 15 This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, 17 because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water,[a] and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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 & SPEAKING THE NAMES OF THE SAINTS

This morning the joys and concerns will not be read from the pulpit, but we would still like to hear what you are praying for. Please write down your joys and concerns as we do each week, and Pastor Jeff will prayerfully read them. You may also let us know by sharing with Pastor Jeff or one of the Deacons so that we can pray with you.

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[1]

OFFERTORY 'I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say' *(Traditional/Larson)*

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'I Want Jesus To Walk With Me' (vs. 1) No. 627

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**[1]



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

****At Christ Congregational Church we serve communion at an open table, which means ALL are welcome to participate. This means a few things:***

1. *None of the cups for communion contain wine.*
2. *People of all ages are welcome to receive communion.*
3. *People of all faiths are welcome to receive communion.*
4. *People of all gender identities and sexual orientations are welcome to receive communion.*
5. *Communion will be served in the pews.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Communion today will be shared in the pews. Please wait to consume each element until prompted by Pastor Jeff so that all may partake in communion together in the same moment as one

COMMUNION MUSIC 'Rejoice In God's Saints' (Krug)
Bell Choir

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

ALL: God of blessing, Thank you for meeting us at this table. You have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of grace, reminding us that no one leaves your presence unchanged.

As we go into the world, make us bearers of your peace. Open our eyes to our neighbors, steady our steps in the work of justice, and give us courage to love with generous hearts.

May the hope we have shared at this table become hope we carry into our homes, our community, and the world. Amen.

***HYMN** ‘For All The Saints’ No. 637

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE ‘Pastoral Melody’ (Grichetchkine)

Participating In Todays Worship Service:
Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Alex Green, Music Director
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter
Dani Kardisco, Faith Formation Director

[1]***Who Are These: Service Prayers for All Saints Day Year A*** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

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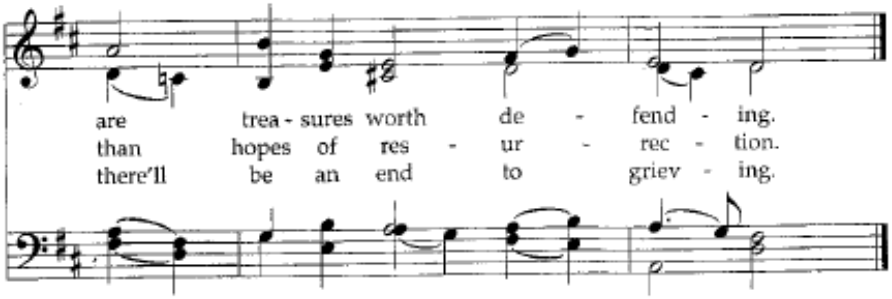
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