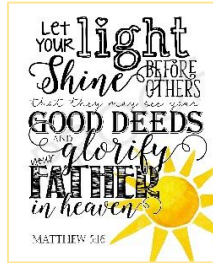




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



October 11, 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** 'Christians, We Have Met To Worship'

No. 277

CALL TO GATHERING¹

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing...

ALL: they will rejoice in God's reign forever.

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving...

ALL: they will be comforted in God's reign forever.

Leader: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness...

ALL: They will find it in God's reign forever.

Leader: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs...

ALL: we will live in God's reign forever.

Leader: Blessed are all when we seek to serve others in God's name...

ALL: Let us worship together, serving one another, and serving our Mighty God.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** 'Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven'

No. 23

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

Leader: O God, all around us people cry "peace" when there is no peace.

ALL: How can there be peace when voices are silenced, people suffer, and rights are denied? How can there be peace when bombs are falling, countries are at war, and justice is denied?

Leader: O God, all too often we are the ones who cry "peace" when there is no peace.

ALL: How can there be peace when people around us are lonely, stereotyped, abused, and hungry? How can there be peace when our own nations use violence in the pursuit of peace?

Leader: O God we confess our brokenness. We confess our complicity.

ALL: We confess our contentment with "peace" that is only about our own personal well-being.

Leader: O God, draw us to yourself, that we might live in your grace and pardon.

ALL: Challenge us to see through false declarations of “peace.” Empower us to be *peacemakers*. O God, we stand at a crossroads and look. Show us the ancient paths, where the good way lies. Give us the courage to walk in it, that all may find rest for their souls. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

‘Blessed Are The Persecuted’

No. 187

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-16

5 ¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. ² He taught them, saying:

Happy people

³ “Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

⁴ “Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

⁵ “Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

⁷ “Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

⁹ “Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God’s children.

¹⁰ “Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

¹¹ “Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. ¹² Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

Salt and light

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It’s good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can’t be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

SERMON

“Audaciously Salty”

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Bob O'Connell

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 GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

'In The Garden'

Bob O'Connell

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'We Give Thee But Thine Own' (vs. 1 & 5)

No. 382

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*HYMN

'Go, My Children, With My Blessing'

No. 431

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

'He Was There All The Time'

Bob O'Connell

Participating In Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Bob O'Connell, Guest Musician
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter
Dani Kardisco, Faith Formation Director

¹Rev. Mindi. "Call to Worship: Matthew 5: 1-10." *Call to Worship: Matthew 5: 1-10*, re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/01/call-to-worship-matthew-5-1-10.html. Accessed 7 Oct. 2026.

277 Christians, We Have Met to Worship



1. Chris-tians, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the liv-ing God;
 2. Is there here a trem-bling jail - er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 3. Let us love our God su-preme - ly, let us love each oth - er, too;



will you pray with all your pow-er, while we try, to preach the Word?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 let us pray for all earth's peo-ple till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un-less the Spir-it of the Ho-ly One comes down;
 Tell them all a-bout the Sav-ior, how in Christ the lost are found.
 Christ will call us home to heav-en, at the ta-ble we'll sit down;

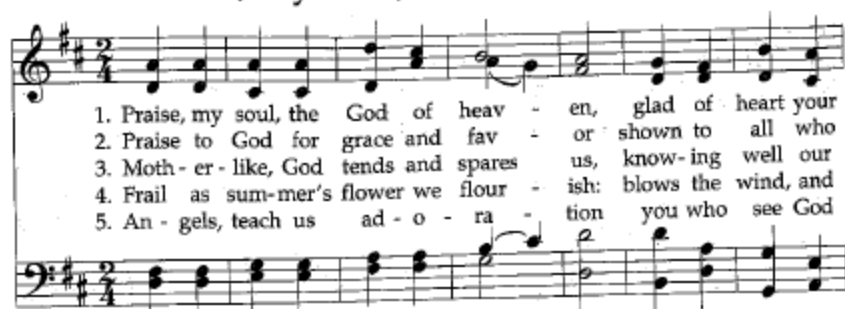


Chris-tians, pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, oh pray, and ho-ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will wel-come us and serve us liv-ing man-na all a-round.

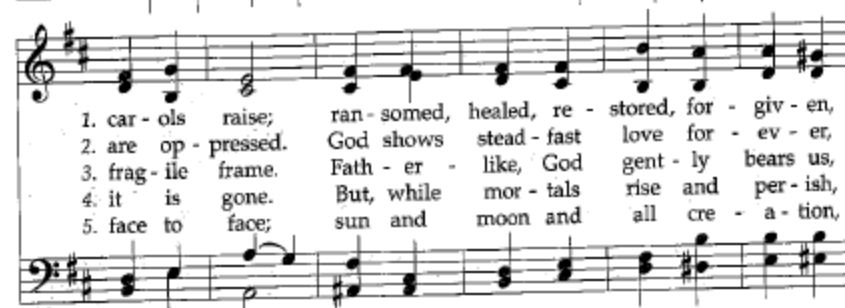
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HOLY MANNA
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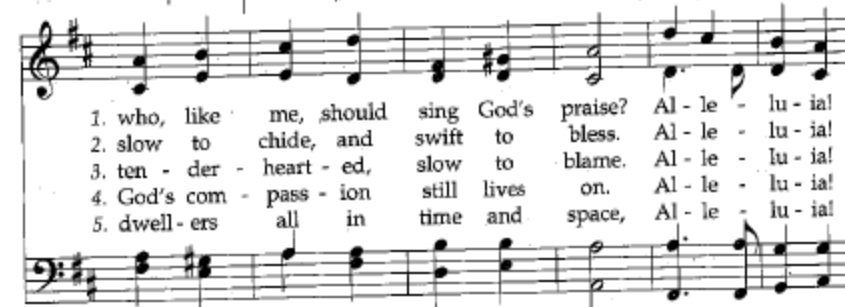
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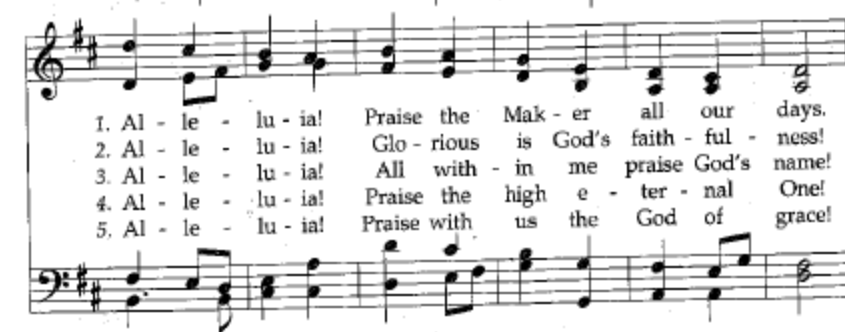
1. Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en, glad of heart your
 2. Praise to God for grace and fav - or shown to all who
 3. Moth - er - like, God tends and spares us, know - ing well our
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish: blows the wind, and
 5. An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion you who see God



1. car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 2. are op - pressed. God shows stead - fast love for - ev - er,
 3. frag - ile frame. Fath - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 4. it is gone. But, while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
 5. face to face; sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,



1. who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. ten - der - heart - ed, slow to blame. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. God's com - pass - ion still lives on. Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. dwell - ers all in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all our days.
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me praise God's name!
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal One!
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women's
 Center and Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

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Blessed Are the Persecuted

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1. Bless-ed are the per-se-cut-ed, for Je-sus Christ is
2. Bless-ed are they who are hun-gry in spir-it, for the
3. Bless-ed are the pure in heart, for Je-sus Christ is
4. Bless-ed are they who are thirs-ty in spir-it, for the



liv-ing with-in them.
 Lord lives with-in them. Great will be their re-ward, they shall be
 liv-ing with-in them.
 Lord lives with-in them.



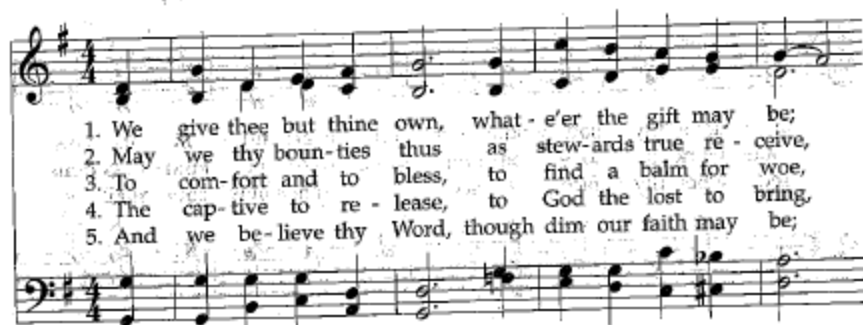
giv'n a crown, when the Lord comes from heav'n to meet them.

WORDS: Adapt. Esther C. Bergen, 1990
 MUSIC: Tonga melody (Zambia)

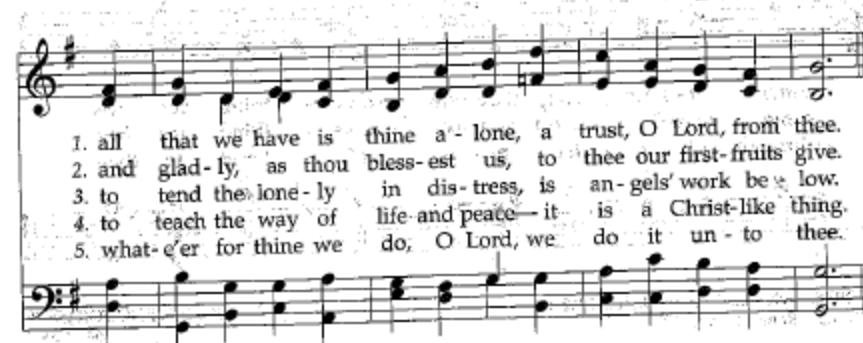
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1. We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
 2. May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive,
 3. To com-fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
 4. The cap-tive to re-lease, to God the lost to bring,
 5. And we be-lieve thy Word, though dim our faith may be;

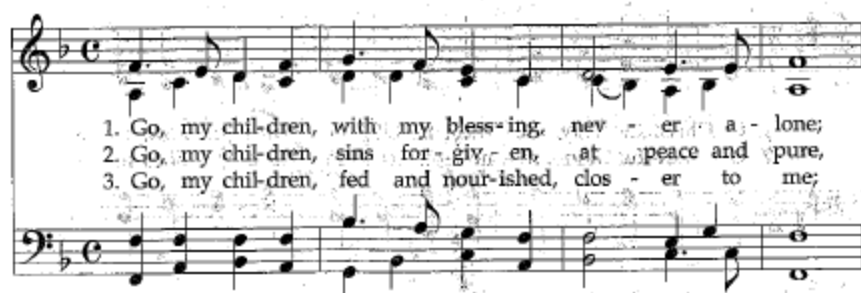


1. all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 2. and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.
 3. to tend the lone-ly in dis-tress, is an-gels' work be-low.
 4. to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
 5. what-e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it un-to thee.

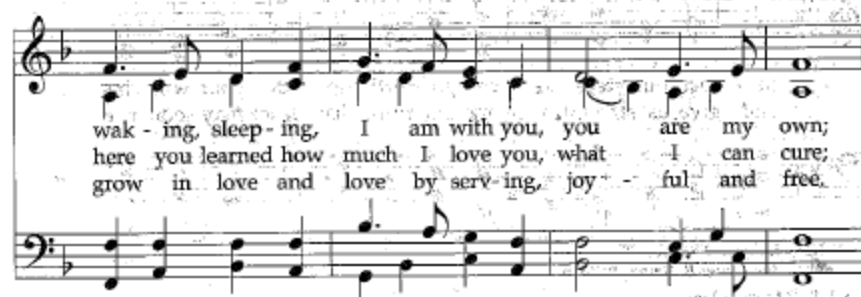
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 MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing 431



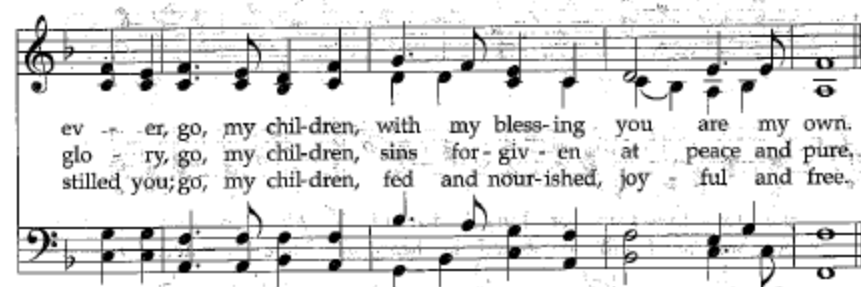
1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone;
2. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure,
3. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me;



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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