CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



November 22, 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** 'Gather Us In' No. 284

CALL TO GATHERING: Many Parts, One Body

Leader: Can one person make a whole community?
People: Not alone! We need each other!
Leader: We have different gifts, different stories, and different ways of sharing love.
People: Every gift matters. Every person belongs!
Leader: Some of us are good at welcoming, some at helping, some at listening, and some at making people laugh!
People: There is room for all of us here!
Leader: So bring your questions, your laughter, your kindness, and your whole self.
All: We are many ages, many gifts, and many stories—but one community, joined together in God's love. Let us worship!

OPENING PRAYER

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

Movements and congregational response can be found here and on the TV at the front of the congregation.

Leader: God, you have brought us together, each with our own gifts, stories, and experiences. Help us become the community you imagine us to be.
Movement: Reach both arms up high.
All: Help us grow!
Leader: Some of us have been here a long time. Some are returning. Some are just finding their place. Remind us that there is room for everyone.
Movement: Stretch your arms wide.
All: Help us welcome!

Leader: When someone needs a friend, help us reach out. When someone needs support, help us lend a hand.

Movement: Reach one hand out, then offer the other.

All: Help us care!

Leader: When we see something that needs to change, give us courage to be part of that change.

Movement: Take one step forward.

All: Help us transform!

Leader: And when we gather around tables, share our stories, and celebrate all that connects us, remind us that we are more than individuals. We are one body, with many gifts.

Movement: Bring your hands together over your heart.

All: Help us belong!

Leader: God, take all that we are and all that we bring. Shape us into a community where love is practiced, generosity is shared, and everyone has a place.

All: Many stories. Many gifts. One body. One community. Together, we grow in love. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

Leader: Hear the good news: God's love is bigger than our mistakes, wider than our welcome has sometimes been, and stronger than the walls we build. We are not defined by the times we have fallen short, but invited again and again into the work of love.

There is always room to begin again, to open our doors wider, to make space for new stories, and to remember that we belong to one another.

In God's grace, we are forgiven, renewed, and transformed.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** 'Now Thank We All Our God' No. 715

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All: Peace be with you! You belong here!

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:4-13

"Just as each of us has one body with many members-and these members don't have the same function- so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body. And as members of that one body, we belong to each other. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophecy, use it in proportion to your faith. If your gift is ministry, use it for service. If you are a teacher, use your gift for teaching. If you are good at preaching, then preach boldly. If you give to charity, do so generously; if you are a leader, exercise your authority with care; if you help others, do so cheerfully. Your love must be sincere. Hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of siblings. Try not to outdo one another in showing respect. Don't grow slack, but be fervent in spirit: the one who you serve is Christ. Rejoice in hope; be patient under trial; persevere in prayer. Look on the needs of holy people as your own; be generous in offering hospitality."

A TIME FOR ALL AGES Dani Kardisco

MEDIATATION Pastor Jeff Kardisco

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Alex Green

Take this time to reflect on the message from today. You are invited to light a candle as a signal of your prayer for yourself, family, friends, our community, the greater community, and beyond.

Come and Light a Candle…



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Bubble 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 'What Shall I Render?' *(Allen Pote)*

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'For The Fruit Of All Creation' (vs. 2) No. 714

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

***HYMN** 'Come, Ye Thankful People' No. 718

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: As we leave this place, may we remember that we are many gifts, many stories, and one community.
People: We belong to one another.
Leader: May we welcome those we know and those we have yet to meet.
People: We belong to one another.
Leader**:** May we share generously, love boldly, and make room for everyone.
People: We belong to one another.
Leader**:** May we carry the spirit of homecoming beyond these walls, building a community where every person matters.
People: We belong to one another.
Leader**:** Go in peace, go in love, and remember: wherever love is shared, there is home.
All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE 'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come' *(Elvey/Wagner)*

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

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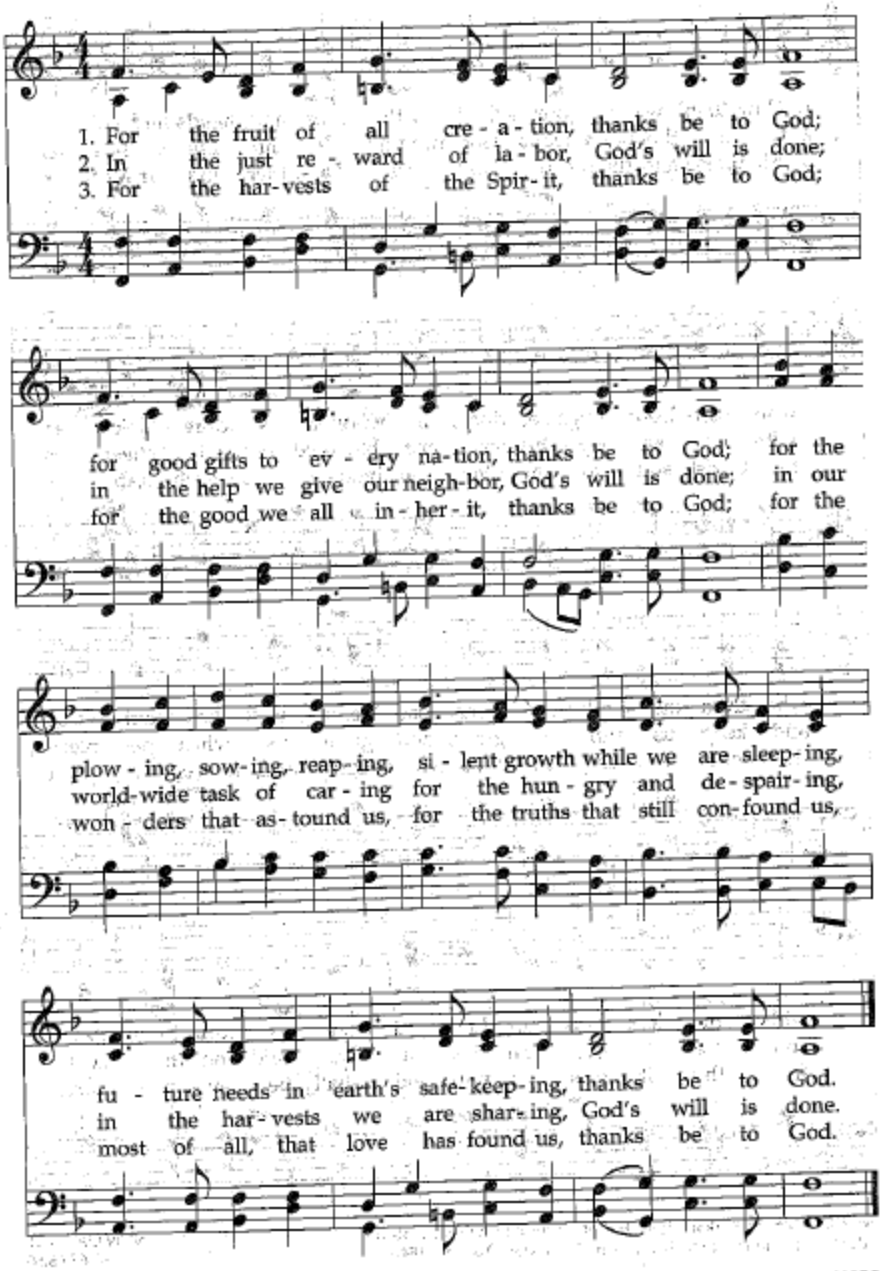
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WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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For the Fruit of All Creation 714



WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1970
MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Luther Orlando Emerson, 1906

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718 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



WORDS: St. 1, Henry Alford, 1884; st. 2, 3, Anna Barbauld (18th century)
MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1858; desc. O. I. Cricket Harrison, 1994

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