



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community
Eastertide 4

9:55 a.m.

EARTH DAY

April 22, 2018

Welcome to worship! As you settle in for worship, please feel free to light a candle of prayer in the chapel area (*right side of sanctuary*). The children will be with us through the children's word and prayer, then they will be excused to their classes. There is nursery care available throughout the service, and a crying room at the back of the sanctuary for those who become inconsolable.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Murray Kidd, Organist

WORDS OF WELCOME

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Morning Has Broken'

No. 53

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

ALL: O Lord my God, I stand in awe at your greatness.

One: Your being is clothed with honor and majesty and robed in light.

ALL: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, making the winds your messengers, and fire and flame your servants.

One: How great are your works, O God!

ALL: In your wisdom you created the earth and all that is within it.

One: In thanksgiving, let us worship and praise the Lord our God.

*Asterisk indicates all who are able may stand
Bold print indicates congregational response

INTROIT

‘I Only Ask of God’

Sólo le pido a Dios

que el dolor no me sea indiferente,
es un monstruo grande y pisa fuerte
sobre la pobre inocencia de la gente
es un monstruo grande y pisa fuerte
sobre la pobre inocencia de la gente

I only ask of God

Don't let me be indifferent to the suffering
It is a big monster which treads hard
On the poor innocence of people.
It is a big monster which treads hard
On the poor innocence of people.

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Patricia Hayes

A WORD WITH KATE: Concern

HYMN

‘All Things Bright and Beautiful’

No. 61

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT ‘I’ve Got Peace Like a River’

I’ve got peace like a river (3 times) in my soul. (sing twice)

I’ve got determination (3 times) in my soul. (sing twice)

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*in unison*) **We have gathered as your people, O God, and raise to you our awareness of the trauma of the earth: the suffering and death inflicted by toxins and pollution, the destruction of places where we once found beauty and serenity, and the ongoing devastation of ecosystems. We lift our anguish at the demise of species and the loss of diversity, the pollution of air and water and soil, the transformation even of oceans and atmosphere. We grieve and fear at the Earth’s distress. We trust in you, O God, and we are not defeated. Turn our hearts and actions; Guide us in your way of honoring the earth.**

KYRIE

‘Dona Nobis Pacem’

No. 297

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(please stand as you are able)*

*RECEIVING AND SHARING GOD’S LOVE

(by handshake, embrace, or with hands folded)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*GLORIA

‘Let the Whole Creation Cry’ vs. 1

No. 21

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia! Glory be to God on High, Alleluia!

Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia! Night and stars in God rejoice,
Alleluia!

PSALM 23

Lay Reader: Jeff Illsley

ANTHEM

‘A Canon of Praise’

Natalie Sleeth

Praise Him, O come ye people, praise the Lord forever. Sing praises to His
holy name.

To the God of glory loudest praise now bring, source of our salvation, our
eternal king.

Praise Him, praise the Lord forever, come and praise the Lord.

A READING FROM THE LETTERS

1John 3:16-24

THE GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

SERMON

HYMN

‘This is My Father’s World’

No. 59

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OFFERTORY

‘Easter Carol’

Richard Proulx

On that bright joyful Easter Day the sun arose with brighter ray, when
Christ, to earthly sight made plain, the glad apostles saw again. Alleluia!
Surrexit Christus Hodie!

His wounds to them Christ then did show, which from his risen body glow;
and they aloud declared and said: “The Lord is risen from the dead!”
Alleluia! Surrexit Christus Hodie!

First witnesses to Easter morn were women three who came forlorn; then
Magdalen did cease her sighs, when Christ she saw with joyful eyes.
Alleluia! Surrexit Christus Hodie!

All glory, Lord, to you we pay, arisen from the dead today; O great Creator be our guide throughout the days of Eastertide. Alleluia! Surrexit Christus Hodie!

*DOXOLOGY

'All People That On Earth Do Dwell' vs 4

No. 18

Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure, whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

‘For the Beauty of the Earth’

No. 56

***COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

*CHORAL RESPONSE ‘O How He Loves You and Me’ Kurt Kaiser

Oh how He loves you and me, Oh how He loves you and me.

He gave His life, what more could He give?

O how He loves you, O how He loves me. O how He loves you and me

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the closing music in the fellowship hall on the lower level. If you are visiting with us for the first time, welcome! We invite you to enjoy a free cup of coffee or tea and a donut, and hope that you will return next week.

Participating in today’s service are:

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

Lisa Hulbert, Director of Christian Education

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language

Our prayers are with Erin Reardon as she is preaching in Bridgewater for 3 months, covering their minister’s maternity leave. She will still be doing pastoral visits here - contact the office if you would like a visit from Rev. Patricia or Erin.

WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Lasagna with a salad. Sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

As members of the Pilgrim Association, we pray each week for a sister UCC Congregation. This week, you are invited to pray for:

EARTH DAY

ITALIAN SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

An Evening of Fine Italian Dining at Christ Congregational Church under the direction of Chef Bill with a lot of help from his friends!

May 12th from 6-10pm for an elegant multi-course served meal

Menu:

Hors d'oeuvres

Antipasto

Fresh Bread

Italian Soup

Chicken Marsala

Pasta with Marinara Sauce (vegetarian)

Italian Desserts

Punch, Coffee and Tea

There will be wonderful entertainment and raffles between the courses. This event is for 18+. Tickets will be \$20.00 each and additional contributions to the scholarship fund are always welcome and appreciated. Tickets on sale every Sunday, as well as through the church office.

A Kindly Reminder: Please put To Do's and requests for staff in writing and left in the office (on Deana's desk), so as not to be forgotten.

TALENT SHOW

May 6th, 2018



Missions is collecting Hygiene Kits!

Hygiene Kits

Here's what you'll need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package
- One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do NOT add any extra items or toothpaste.

PRAYER CONCERNS

We pray for those who cannot be with us at church:

Ramona Adler, Jane Benson, Aida Bruns, Lois Cyr, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, Mary Geraigery, Russ Gillpatrick, Janet Hodnett, Ruth Melanson, Mildred Miele, Geneva Prince, Barbara Smith, Don Squires, Viola Szydlowski and Burt Tibbetts.

And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:

Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Susan Berry (niece of Ruth Poole), Richard Bowman, Nancy Campbell (niece of Donna & Alton Hefler), Luke Creedon, Debra Debski (friend of Barbara Moody), Frank DePaola, Carole Duhamel, Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Brenda Eckstrom (Janet's niece-in-law), Jeanette F., Wayne Ferguson (brother of Brian Young-Ferguson), Nancy Fisher (Gini Hathaway's sister-in-law), Grace Goward, Debbie Griswald (Barbara Smith's daughter), Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), William Holbrook (friend of Barbara Moody), Rebecca Lacourse, Wayne and Marilyn Legge, Linda Madden, Carl Manoogian (George's son), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), Joanne Oliveira (stepmom of Deana), Zachary Ponds (friend of Jan Howard), Michelle Purssell, Fernanda Quimby, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), Carol Ranney (sister of Fred Hayes), David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), William Rotondi (uncle of Mary Poole), Poppy (Howard) Sennett, Helen Simms (Erin's grandmother), Danny Ray Simpson (brother-in-law of Barbara Moody), Anna Thomas, Jacob Teixeira, Karin Whitten (Adam Mitchell's cousin).

For those in the military, especially:

Scott Allen, Kathleen Crooker, Michael J. Harris, Andrew Johnson, Alex (Pasha) Ozelius, Derek Stanley and Bradford Townsend.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 4/22

9:55am Worship
Harvest Fair Meeting (In Wing)
11:15am Youth Choir
11:15am Junior Ringers

Mon. 4/23

Office Closed

Tue. 4/24

9:30am Pilgrim District Woman Meeting
7:00pm Fiber Fellowship

Wed. 4/25

10:00am Bible Study
3:00 pm WOVOS
6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm Adult Bell Ringers
7:30pm Adult Choir

Fri. 4/27

12:00pm Prayer Group (off-site)

Sun. 4/29

9:55am Worship
11:00am Cookie Walk
11:15am Junior Ringers
12:00pm CE Committee Meeting (with lunch)
5:00pm Junior Youth Group
6:30pm Senior Youth Group



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Welcome!