



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

November 25, 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 for the first part of worship, then may go 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

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Lift High the Cross'

No. 108

GATHERING PRAYER

INTROIT 'Compassion Hymn' Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

A WORD ABOUT CARING

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

'I've Got Peace Like a River'

No. 530

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

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

based on John 18:33–37

Holy One,
we dare to call you Lord,
but yield to you only fragments of our lives.
You had nowhere to lay your head;
we surround ourselves with comfort.
We expect to serve you with what remains
after we have indulged our desires.
Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,
our desire to pick the times and places we will
respond to our call.
In your abundant mercy teach us what it
means to follow,
even with our whole lives. Amen.

KYRIE

Let Us Pray for Peace

Thomas Keesecker



Let us pray for love, for the grace to offer mercy.
May compassion guide our way in the world;
May forgiveness heal division.
May forgiveness heal us all.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (*by handshake, hug, wave or sign*)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

*GLORIA 'All Creatures of Our God and King' vs. 1 No. 22

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing;
Alleluia, Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam, O silver moon with
softer gleam, O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PSALM 132:1-12

ANTHEM 'What Have We Done for the Poor Ones' Lori True

What have we done for the poor ones, the cold ones, the ones who seek
shelter among us, beside us? God's chosen people, blest and holy what
have we done for the poor ones here in our midst?

What have we done for hungry, the homeless, the lonely ones longing for
loving, affection? God's chosen people, blest and holy, what have we done
for the hungry here in our midst?

What have we done for the stranger, outsider, the ones who are aching for
welcome, acceptance? God's chosen people, blest and holy, what have we
done for the stranger here in our midst?

What have we done for the broken, the grieving, the lost who need
someone to listen, to comfort? God's chosen people, blest and holy, what
have we done for the broken here in our midst?

What have we done for the prisoner, the addict, who desperately yearn for
redemption, forgiveness? God's chosen people, blest and holy, what have
we done for the prisoner here in our midst?

What have we done for voiceless, the sick ones, the fragile who cry for
compassion, protection? God's chosen people, blest and holy, what have
we done for the voiceless here in our midst?

GOSPEL READING

John 18:33-37

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Rev 1:4b-8

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Hayes

*HYMN

'He Lives!'

No. 226

MORNING PRAYER

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 'Let the Praise Go 'Round' William Boyce, arr. Hal Hopson
Hallelujah. Sing and rejoice. Oh praise the Lord. Let the sound go 'round.
Let our praise abound. Sing we hallelujah

*DOXOLOGY 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow' No. 46
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here
below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 'Go Now In Peace' by Don Besig
Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith; steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen.

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the closing music in the upstairs wing. If you are visiting with us for the first time, welcome! We invite you to enjoy a free cup of coffee or tea and hope that you will return next week. At 2:00 you are invited to return for the ordination of Erin Reardon.

Participating in today's service are:

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

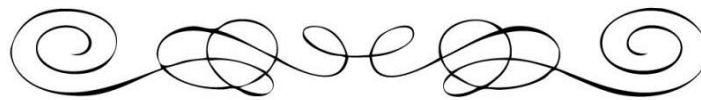
Erin Reardon, Minister of Visitation

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language



In Sunday School today, the children continue to discuss Jesus' teachings about caring while frosting and decorating cookies to mail as care packages to our college students and military.

During the week and at Wednesday dinner, you are invited to talk about ways that we remember people who are away from us and send them care.

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

Union Congregational Church of Weymouth and Braintree

WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Shepherd's Pie and a salad bar. Sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

SUPPORT GROUP

Leigh-Ann Larson is leading a support group for people suffering with chronic illness and depression every Wednesday from 4:45-6:00 pm. The first 15 minutes will be an informal “chat time”, followed by opening prayer, a guided meditation for healing and then open up the group to discuss the meditation they experienced, their week, and resources that you find to be helpful on your journey. Questions? Contact Leigh Ann at (508)207-0071. No need to sign up, just come!

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:

Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Jean Cappeillo, Luke Creedon, Dianna Dalida (Denise Cahill’s friend), Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole’s son), Brenda Eckstrom (Janet’s niece-in-law), Mary Geraigery, Joanne Gratzner, Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis’ daughter), Clyde Kidd, Rebecca Lacourse, Linda Madden, Carl Manoogian (George’s son), James McGunnigal (Pat Illsley’s Father), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis’ grandson), David Milton, Joyce Morse (Lisa Sparling’s Mother), Michelle Purssell, Fernanda Quimby, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill’s grand-niece), David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), Poppy (Howard) Sennett, Norm Shippee, Helen Simms (Erin’s grandmother), Danny Ray Simpson (brother-in-law of Barbara Moody), Evelyne Socha (great niece of Barbara Moody), Anna Thomas, Kevin Vogt, Henry White, Lois & Vern Yingling (Bill Cockshaw’s parents).

For those in the military, especially:

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 11/25

8:00am Adult Choir
9:55am Worship
11:10am Junior Ringers
11:30am Youth Choir
2:00pm Erin Reardon's Ordination

Mon. 11/26

Office Closed

Tues. 11/27

7:00pm Fiber Fellowship (Off-Site)

Wed. 11/28

10:00am Bible Study
6:00pm Dinner
6:45pm Adult Choir
8:15pm Adult Bells

Sat. 12/1

6:30pm BIC Fundraiser Dinner

Sun. 12/2

8:00am Adult Choir
9:55am Worship
Annual Fall Meeting
11:30am Junior Ringers
11:30am Youth Choir
11:45pm Advent Workshop
2:30pm Gary Lyon's Christmas Concert



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Welcome!

POINSETTIA TIME!

Poinsettia Orders

Please place your poinsettia order by December 9th. The plants will be on the chancel on December 16th. Please indicate if you wish to take your own plant or have it delivered to a shut-in. Below is the order form, please fill out and return to the Church Office. You are welcome to have 4 names per plant.

Please complete this form and return it to the church with \$15 per poinsettia:

I, _____, would like to order _____ poinsettia plants for display at church on December 16th.

After service on the 16th I would like to:

_____ take my plant home/deliver the plant myself to a church member. (on Dec. 16th)

_____ have my plant delivered to a homebound church member.

_____ take my plant after the Dec. 24th Candlelight Service

The names I would like listed on the memorial list are **(4 names per plant):**
