



**Christ Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
***Creating Beloved Community***

9:55 a.m.

Eastertide 6

May 26, 2019

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 second song, 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

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

A READING FOR TWO VOICES

\*HYMN

'Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory'

No. 705

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

**P: May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!**

L: Let all people praise you, O Lord.

**P: Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.**

L: God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

**P: Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing. AMEN.**

INTROIT

'Love Is a Circle'

Don Hermance

GATHERING PRAYER

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN: Peace

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

## SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

'Go Now in Peace'

No. 437

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere,  
everywhere you may go.

*(during the hymn, the children may be excused to their classes)*



## PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(in unison)*

**Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

## KYRIE

'Jesus, Remember Me'

No. 569

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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*\*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

'My Tribute'

No. 39

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory

For the things you have done. With his blood Christ has saved me; with your power  
you have raised me; to God be the glory for the things you have done.

## A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 16:9-15

Pete Seeger, arr. Roger Emerson

*To everything (turn, turn, turn), there is a season (turn, turn, turn),  
And a time to every purpose, under heaven.*

A time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to reap,  
A time to kill, a time to heal, a time to laugh, a time to weep.

A time to build up, a time to break down, a time to dance, a time to mourn,  
A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together.

A time of love, a time of hate, a time of war, a time of peace,  
A time you may embrace, a time to refrain from embracing.

A time to gain, a time to lose, a time to rend, a time to sew,  
A time for love, a time for hate, a time for peace, I swear it's not too late.

*To everything (turn, turn, turn), there is a season (turn, turn, turn),  
And a time to every purpose, under heaven.*

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

John 14:23-29

# SERMON

Rev. Patricia Hayes

## HYMN

## ‘Let There Be Peace on Earth’

No. 677

## 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.**

## OFFERTORY

## ‘Down by the Riverside’

\*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

‘O Beautiful for Spacious Skies’

No. 720

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*(please be seated for the closing music)*

CLOSING MUSIC

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the closing music downstairs in the fellowship hall. 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 we hope that you will return next week.

**Participating in today’s service are:**

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

Jilliann Larson, Director of Christian Education

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language

**WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM**

This week we will be having Lasagna and Meatballs with a Salad. Please sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

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**Hearing Assistive Devices** are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask a deacon.

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# Youth Events

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Children’s Sunday

**June 9<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation Sunday

**June 16<sup>th</sup>:** Baccalaureate Sunday



Support the CWS Blankets and Tools ministry given in recognition of Mother's Day and Father's Day. Mission members will be in the narthex for the next 3 Sundays for your donations.

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Following the Children's Sunday Service on June 2, 2019, the CE Committee will be hosting an all-church cookout. Hotdogs, chips, and beverages will be provided by the Committee but we're asking that members/friends also contribute. **PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!** If your last name begins with the letter A-L, please bring in a salad. If your last name begins with an M-Z, we ask that you bring a dessert. A sign-up sheet is on the **information counter** downstairs. Thank-you!

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**JOIN US to make a difference...**

Brockton Interfaith Community Education Funding Update Meeting

When: June 9th at 11:30

Where: Christ Church Lower Wing

Why: We need your assistance to write letters to lawmakers – we will help you.

Questions: Ask Deb Bowman, [deb@act-cpa.com](mailto:deb@act-cpa.com)

Dear Pastors,

Perhaps you are familiar with the good work being done by servant *Jamal Gooding* of **PACC** (people Affecting Community Changes) at 631 N. Main Street. One of the amazing works he is doing is finding jobs for ex-offenders. But, one of the difficulties is transportation in getting these individuals to either their interviews or those first few weeks of employment (until they can manage their own transportation). The prayer is that someone in your church might be willing to "taxi" some folks to their destinations (typically, Braintree, Gillette Stadium or Lynn). An ideal situation would be for a church van and driver to be available. Money for gas and compensation for the driver would be available.

Mr. Gooding writes, "There's a number of ways I think that it could definitely work and we can share in supporting this community effort." He is looking for churches that may be willing to work with us with their Vans/drivers to get their individuals to and from work. Please contact him at **774-778-6058** if there is even the slightest idea or possibility.

**Drivers Wanted:** Do you own a car or a van and need to make a little extra money? People Affecting Community Changes (PACC) is about to begin their summer work initiative and are seeking the assistance of local people and churches for help with transportation. "Presently we have three locations will looking to help those from the Brockton area get to work. One location is in Lynn (all three shifts 7 to 3 3 to 11 11 to 7); the second location is in Braintree; and the third is at Gillette Stadium for all their events." Please contact Mr. Jamal Gooding at 774-778-6058 if you think you can help in any way! Those needing the rides are willing to contribute to gas and compensate for the drivers time.

Thanks for trying to help with this need.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Mark T. Oliver

Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

Steve & Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, David & Marilyn Fairbanks, Russ Gillpatrick, Janet Hodnett, Edie Liolios, Ruth Melanson, Geneva Prince, Arthur Sawyer, Barbara Smith, and Anna Thomas.

### **And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:**

Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Bob Brown (Luanne Cockshaw's friend), Jean Cappeillo, Luke Creedon, Pat DelSignore (Mary Poole's sister), Frank DePaola (Denise Cahill's brother-in-law), Bobby Dornan (friend of Janet Hodnett), Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Brenda Eckstrom (Janet's niece-in-law), Alice Farnsworth, Rev. Fred Hayes, Nelda Hayes, Al Hefler, Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), Clyde Kidd, Rebecca Lacourse, Linda Madden, Ken Maloof, Carl Manoogian (George's son), James McGunnigal (Pat Illsley's Father), Nancy McGunnigal (Pat Illsley's sister), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), Sandy Peterson Nuzum (friend of Barbara Moody), Mary Poole, Michelle Pursell, Fernanda Quimby, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), Luane Rich, David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), Akiko Sato (friend of Sylvia Berry), Monica Schmick (friend of Lily Radau), Poppy (Howard) Sennett, Linda Holland Simpson (sister of Barbara Holland Moody), George Sparling (Jay's cousin), Shirley Strangis, Kevin Vogt, Henry White and Lois Yingling (Bill Cockshaw's mom).

### **For those in the military, especially:**

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

### **Bereavement:**

We pray for the families of John Milton (David Milton's father), Dennis Clinton (Katrina Clinton's brother) and Bertha Maloof (Ken Maloof's mother).

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sun. 5/26

8:00am Adult Bell Ringers

9:55am Worship

11:50am Confirmation Class

### Mon. 5/27

Office Closed

### Tue. 5/28

7:00pm Fiber Fellowship

### Wed. 5/29

10:00am Bible Study

1:30pm Bell Ringers

4:45pm Support Group w/Leigh-Ann Larson

6:00pm Dinner

6:30pm BIC Meeting

6:45pm Adult Choir

### Thur. 5/30

6:30pm BIC Meeting

### Sun. 6/2

Strengthening The Church

Children's Sunday

8:00am Adult Bell Ringers

9:55am Worship

All-Church Cook-out after worship!



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