



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

August 18, 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 throughout the service. There is nursery care available throughout the service, and a crying room at the back of the sanctuary for those who become inconsolable. Additionally, for a quieter space, audio of the service is in the library, just outside the sanctuary.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley, Moderator

*HYMN

'Let The Whole Creation Cry'

No. 21

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the ages, we sing your praises
in the vineyards of our lives.

Tend the garden of our love.

Where we have become ragged and wild,
prune us in the way we should grow.

Nurture the soil of our hope.

Let your hand be upon us, leading us to Jesus,
the perfecter of our faith.

Heal the roots of our faith.

Bring us rain in drought, shade in scorching heat,
and protection in the wilderness.

Protect the growth of our spirit. Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER

PSALM 80:1-2, 8-19



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

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*in unison*)

Divine God,

**we try to grow happily, patiently, and faithfully
in the soil you have prepared for us.**

**You feed us, shelter us,
and provide for our daily needs.**

**Yet, we often fail to offer you
the fruit of our harvest.**

**We act as though we were abandoned children,
trying to make it on our own.**

**We feel forsaken, attacked by wild boars,
cut down by our enemies, and neglected
in the wilderness of our lives.**

**Yet, through it all,
you remain faithful.**

**Renew our lives once more,
and we will call your name on high.**

KYRIE

‘Spirit of the Living God’

No. 259

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (please stand for a blessing)

*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

‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ verse 1

No. 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 5:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC
Jay and Lisa Sparling, Duet

‘Lamb of God’

arr. by Lloyd Larson
Words and Music by Twila Paris

"Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of Love they crucified, they laughed scorned him as he died, the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus: " O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God: I love the holy Lamb of God, O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Chorus: " O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God: I love the holy Lamb of God, O wash me in his precious blood, till I am just a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood (precious blood, Lamb of God) till I am just a lamb of God.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Luke 12:49-56

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Hayes

HYMN

‘There is a Balm in Gilead’

No. 501

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

‘Dear Father’

by Neil Diamond

Jay and Lisa, Vocal/Piano Duet

Dear Father we dream we dream, we dream while we may. Who are we to need, we need, we need while we wait, while we wait

*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

‘Love Divine, All Loves Excelling’

No. 517

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC



Participating in today's service are:

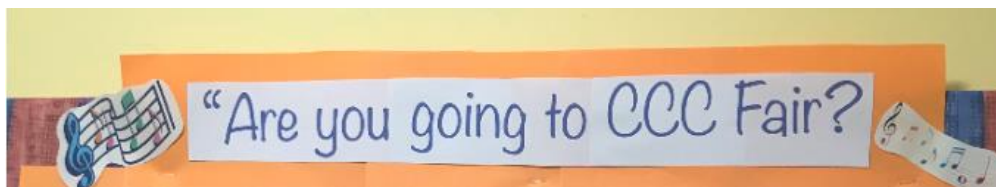
Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

Murray Kidd, Music Director *(on summer break)*

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language



Are you going to CCC fair
Sparkly, staged, glows merry, and fine.
Remember the date, it's November Nine,
Bring us your stuff, and all will be fine.

A **Pop-Up Yard Sale** is being planned for Saturday, September 7th. Sponsored by the Fair Group, spaces are available to our Christ Church family and friends at \$10 per space (\$15 if you need a table). Questions or registration please see Sheppo Fisher or e-mail: Sheppo247@comcast.net

Summer preaching schedule!

RP on vacation August 24th-28th with **Barry Shelley** preaching on **August 25th**.

RP on vacation September 9th-18th with **Ann-Marie Illsley** preaching on **September 15th**.

RP on vacation October 4th-9th with **Rev. Jane MacIntyre** preaching on **October 6th**.

In case of pastoral emergency, call the church office during business hours (508)586-3022

After hours call Jan Howard (617)775-9186 or Barry Shelley (857)210-3152

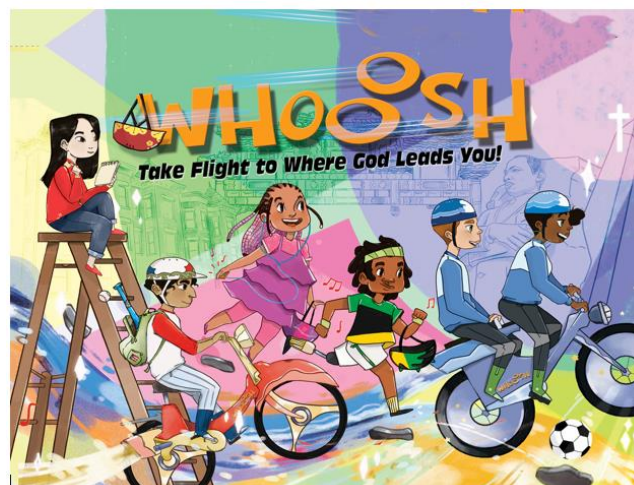
Equal Exchange Fundraiser benefits the Organ Fund

On Sunday, August 18, visit the table during Fellowship Time to pick up your order of Fair Trade food items from Equal Exchange. And you can also purchase selected items of coffee, tea and chocolate that the Organ Completion Committee is offering this summer.

Members of the Organ Completion Committee have catalogs available for you to check out and if interested, you can submit an order by August 25, for delivery on September 13. Thanks for your support!

YAY!

STARTS TOMORROW!



Vacation Bible School at Christ Congregational Church
1350 Pleasant Street Brockton MA August 19-23, 2019 - M-F, 9-3
\$10 for the week – plus bring your own lunch and snack
Ages 5-12

This year we are using the *Faith in Culture* curriculum of Abingdon Press, **Whoosh**, where we will learn about African American historical sites around the United States and their connection to a life of faith. Our Bible Stories will include Jacob's Dream, the crossing of the Red Sea, the Psalms, Jesus' inclusion of everyone, and the building blocks of Christian character. Each day will include drama, Bible stories, music, arts and crafts, art, and cooking. We will be learning about jazz music, bicycle safety, and more!! All are welcome! Please register at www.brocktonucc.org or by calling 508-586-3022.

Show up and Sign up, it's not to late!



After hours! We have had some vandalization in the parking lot for quite some time now. In an effort to stop this, we have installed a chain 20 feet into the entrance to the parking lot. It will be yellow with a caution sign hanging from it. First person in opens the chain and the last one out closes it, so most people will not have to be concerned.

Save the Date!
October 19, 2019

Please join the Pastoral Transition Team, the Search Committee, and Rev. Susan Townsley (our consultant) for an all-day all-Church Retreat to begin a visioning process. Your presence, your voice, and your opinions are vital to our congregation during this time of pastoral transition. More info to follow.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Steve & Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, 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:

Lindsay Alden, Carol Beffert-Banks, Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Bob Brown (Luanne Cockshaw's friend), Pat DeSignore (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), Jennifer Fraser (friend of Kelly Deyoe), Lucy Guarnieri (cousin of Elizabeth Vann), Dan Harrigan (Cara's husband), Rev. Fred Hayes, Al Hefler, Pat Illsley, Lorraine Kent (Mary Poole's cousin), Kayleigh Lopez (Lisa Sparling's niece), Carl Manoogian (George's son), Sandy Peterson Nuzum (friend of Barbara Moody), Jaymie O'Connor (friend of Sarah Sparling), Jean Purificato, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), Luane Rich, David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), Monica Schmick (friend of Lily Radau), George Sparling (Jay's cousin), Rich Vick and Henry White.

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 family of Kevin Frison (husband of Brian Julio). A memorial will be TBA in October.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**Sun. 8/18**

9:55am Worship

Mon. 8/19

9am - 3pm VBS

Office Closed

Tue. 8/20

9am - 3pm VBS

9:30am Craft Group

Wed. 8/21

9am - 3pm VBS

Thur. 8/22

9am - 3pm VBS

6:30pm BIC Meeting

7:00pm Transition Team

Fri. 8/23

9am - 3pm VBS

Sun. 8/25

9:55am Worship



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