



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

August 25, 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

John McKean, Guest Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza, Vice Moderator

*HYMN

'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing'

No. 16

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: With great rejoicing we come to the house of the Lord today!

P: God is our refuge and our stronghold.

L: The power and love of God flow through this gathering.

P: We place our whole trust in God's mighty compassion for us.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord!

P: Let us celebrate the presence of God here in this place and in all our lives.

AMEN.

GATHERING PRAYER



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

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(in unison)*

Pulpit Side: Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds of structures. We easily relegate compassionate service to those agencies in our society that have that as their mandate, forgetting that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another, even as you have cared for us.

Eagle Side: We turn our backs on those in need, giving the responsibility to someone else. "Let someone else do the work," we proclaim. And in that proclamation we have revealed our selfishness and our inability to be your disciples. Stop us from our selfish ways, and heal our hardened hearts.

All: Forgive us, again, as you have so often before when we have failed to be your witnesses and workers. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are, for there is no where in creation where your love is not needed. Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

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 1:1, 10-20
(reprised from August 11th)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 103:1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC

'Mary'

Patty Griffin

Emily Swisher Rosa, soloist; Katrina Clinton, guitar.

Mary you're covered in roses, you're covered in ashes
You're covered in rain, You're covered in babies, you're covered in slashes,
You're covered in wilderness, you're covered in stains,
You cast aside the sheet, you cast aside the shroud
Of another man, who served the world proud.

You greet another son, you lose another one
On some sunny day and always stay, Mary.
Jesus says, "Mother I couldn't stay another day longer."
Fly's right by me and leaves a kiss upon her face
While the angels are singin' his praises in a blaze of glory.
Mary stays behind and starts cleaning up the place.

Mary she moves behind me. She leaves her fingerprints everywhere;
Every time the snow drifts, every time the sand shifts
Even when the night lifts, she's always there.

Jesus says, "Mother I couldn't stay another day longer."
Fly's right by me and leaves a kiss upon her face
While the angels are singin' his praises in a blaze of glory.
Mary stays behind and starts cleaning up the place.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Luke13:10-17

SERMON

Barry Shelley

"If God doesn't care about how we worship, then why should we?"

HYMN

'Spirit'

No. 249

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

'I've Got Peace Like a River'

Traditional

Swisher Rosa Family

*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 ‘Now Thank We All Our God’ No. 715

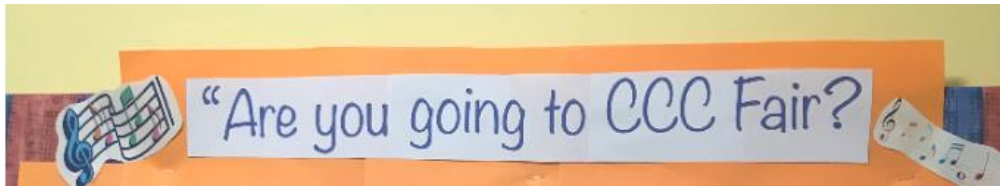
*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Participating in today’s service are:

Barry Shelley, Moderator
Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister (on vacation)
Murray Kidd, Music Director (*on summer break*)
John McKean, Guest 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



After hours! We have had some vandalism 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.



Rally Sunday is September 8th. Bring your backpacks to be blessed. After worship come down to fellowship hall to celebrate the beginning of the church school year. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, a bouncy house and games. All are welcome!

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 held on October 12th. We also pray for the family of Barbara Murphy on the passing of her father.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 8/25

9:55am Worship

Mon. 8/26

Office Closed

Tue. 8/27

9:30am Craft Group

6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wed. 8/28

6:45pm BIC Meeting

7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting

Thur. 8/29

6:30pm BIC Meeting

Sun. 9/1

9:55am Worship



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