



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

September 1, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord, who has brought you here and blessed you.

P: Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.

L: With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need, remembering God's mercy in your own life.

P: Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord with Great joy!

P: Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God in gratitude. AMEN.

*HYMN

'Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain'

No. 215

GATHERING PRAYER



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

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*in unison*)

We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the light; but that can cause us to turn our backs on others in need. We have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to help others and to serve you. Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is your way to true life. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 LETTERS

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fantasy for flute and piano in E minor, Op. 79 (*excerpt*)

Serenity Young Ferguson, flute

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Hayes

MORNING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*remembering the story of Jesus as he blessed the bread and wine*)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (*praying for the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and juice*)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(We will receive communion today by coming forward. Our table is open to all. Please allow us to place a piece of bread or gluten free wafer in your hands, then dip it in the chalice of grape juice, then eat, returning to your seat by the side aisle. If you cannot come forward, please signal a deacon and we will serve you in your pew)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Assorted Preludes and Other Works

Robert Vandall (1944-2017)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves to others.

Your love has made us a new people.

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts.

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

*HYMN

'The Gift of Love'

No. 526

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Participating in today's service are:

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

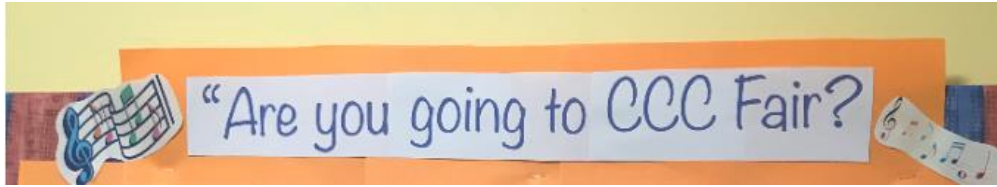
Murray Kidd, Music Director (*on summer break*)

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.

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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

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Preaching schedule!

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.



Come One, Come all!
**...TO THE...
Greatest Rally
Day Ever**

SEPTEMBER 8TH 2019
Christ Congregational Church
1350 Pleasant St. Brockton

Don't forget to bring your backpack!
During the Service we will bless the children's backpacks.

After the service we will be serving hot dogs and snacks. Some other items we will serve will include popcorn and snow cones . An assortment of games and activities will be played. Starting out with a parachute activity and branching out to a Bouncy House, Ticket Booth, Cornhole, A photo booth, and Face Painting!

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), Bob Cutting, 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), Jennifer Fraser (friend of Kelly Deyoe), Lucy Guarnieri (cousin of Elizabeth Vann), Dan Harrigan (Cara's husband), Rev. Fred Hayes, Al Hefler, Dick Hill, 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, Dot Quimby, 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 9/1

9:55am Worship

Mon. 9/2

Office Closed

Labor Day

Tue. 9/3

9:30am Craft Group

Wed. 9/4

10:00am Bible Study

Thur. 9/5

6:30pm BIC Meeting

7:00pm Deacons Meeting

7:00pm Vitality Meeting

Sat. 9/7

9:00am Pop-Up Yard Sale

Sun. 9/8

9:55am Worship

Rally Day!



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Welcome!