



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

September 8, 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 Hymn Reprise. 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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'This is the Day'

No. 286

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together to worship

ALL: We come together to praise God

Leader: We come together to give thanks

ALL: We come together to remember God's word

Leader: We come together to sing

ALL: We come together to form a beloved community, filled with joy and love.

Amen.

INTROIT

'All You Need Is Love'

John Lennon

GATHERING PRAYER

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN: Blessed

Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing of Ann-Marie, Acting Associate Minister

Congregation's Response (*in unison*)

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

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

HYMN REPRISE 'This is the Day'
(*the children may be excused to their program*)

No. 286

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*in unison*)

**God of our lives,
you search us and know us.
We have refused not always committed ourselves to your path.
We have not given up our attachments
to possessions or to self.
We have not counted the cost
of walking into an unknown future with you.
Help us turn away from evil,
that we may walk with you once more.**

KYRIE 'Kum ba Yah' (*first verse*)

No. 590

Kum ba Yah, my Lord, Kum ba Yah.
Kum ba Yah, my Lord, Kum ba Yah.
Kum ba Yah, my Lord, Kum ba Yah. O Lord, Kum ba Yah.

*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!

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

ANTHEM 'With a Voice of Singing'

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his
praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-33

HOMILY

Rev. Patricia Hayes

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

'Simple Gifts'

Traditional Shaker Melody
Arr. by Tom Birchwood

*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.

*HYMN

'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ'

No. 422

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

(This is a prayer where we call everyone to come to the table of thanksgiving and love)

God be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God....

Therefore, with all who love and serve you in heaven and on earth, we raise our voices:

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My". The second system continues the lyrics: "co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or! heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!". The score includes treble and bass staves with chords and melodic lines.

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
(*Our table is open to all*)

COMMUNION MUSIC 'I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord'
Tune: Dove of Peace Arr. by Robert J. Powell

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 'We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God' No. 64

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(*please be seated for the closing music*)

CLOSING MUSIC

La Réjouissance (*Rejoicing*) from

Music for the Royal Fireworks G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Please come down to the circus - fellowship time with coffee, donuts and lunch with Games, Bouncy house and more!

Participating in today's service are:

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister

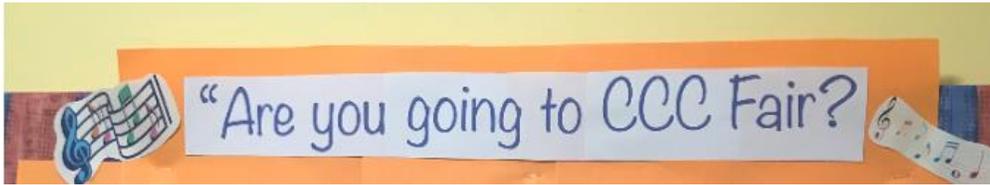
Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language

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

Preaching schedule!

RP on vacation September 9th-17th with **Ann-Marie Illsley preaching on September 15th.**

RP on vacation October 1th-8th 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

WEDNESDAY DINNERS begin again on September 11th - Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans. Please sign up on information counter. We are trying to better cover costs, so signups become more important (so we don't prepare for too many)... and ask that you consider the donation to be \$7-10, more if you are taking take-out. Family cap of \$20, and as always, pay what you can and eat even if you really can't contribute. For September we will try having someone taking credit card payments to see if that helps folks....cash is always good too.

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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.

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.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9AM - 2PM

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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 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, 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), Henry White and Norma Williams.

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. 9/8

9:55am Worship
Rally Sunday

Mon. 9/9

Office Open

Tue. 9/10

9:30am Craft Group
7:00pm Fiber Fellowship

Wed. 9/11

10:00am Bible Study
6:00pm Dinner
6:45pm Adult Choir
6:45pm BIC Meeting

Thur. 9/12

6:30pm BIC Meeting
7:00pm Finance & Property Committee Meeting

Sat. 9/14

8:00am Horizons For Homeless Children Meeting

Sun. 9/15

9:55am Worship
11:15am Youth Choir
11:30am Fellowship Hospitality Team Orientation
11:30am Music Committee Meeting

HARVEST FAIR

HOLD THE DATE



2019

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
9 am to 2 pm

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