



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

September 15, 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 until singing out the children. 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

'Amazing Grace'

No. 546

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the lost are found,

there is joy!

When hope overcomes despair,

there is joy!

When we seek and find God's faithfulness,

there is joy!

INTROIT

'I've Got Peace Like a River'

Traditional

GATHERING PRAYER

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN: Community

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)



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

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(in unison)*

**Gracious and loving God,
we find it difficult at times
to place our trust in you.**

**Too often we look at the world,
and see only violence, pain, destruction,
and signs of hopelessness and despair.**

**Too often we rely on our own strength,
our own plans, our own devices,
rather than trusting in your hand to hold us,
your love to sustain us,
and your wisdom to see us through.**

Forgive us, Holy One.

**Help us turn to you when we are lost,
that we might find our way home.**

**Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world,
that we might experience your abundant grace,
mercy, and love.**

**Help us put our trust in you,
that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus
may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.**

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 '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 OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

ANTHEM

'The Lord is My Shepherd'

Howard Goodall

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

SERMON

Ann-Marie Illsley

HYMN

'My Shepherd, You Supply My Need'

No. 80

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

'Go Down Moses'

Traditional Spiritual

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go; oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go; to lead the children of Israel through, let my people go.

Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go; and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go.

*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

'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee'

No. 2

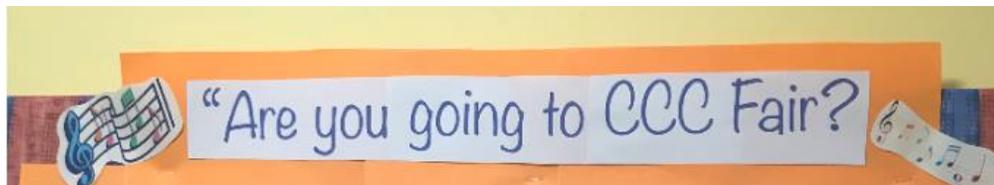
*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Participating in today's service are:
Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister (*on vacation*)
Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Sylvia Berry, Organist
David Wilcox, Sign Language
Loren Stott, Sign Language

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 snack, and hope that you will return next week.



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 Jeff Illsley(508)954-9390 or Barry Shelley (857)210-3152

WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Honey Balsamic Glazed Chicken with Roasted Potatoes and Broccoli with a Salad Bar. Sign-up at the information counter. We are trying to better cover costs, so sign-ups 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 \$25, 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/debit card payments and checks to see if that helps folks....cash is always good too.

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

Equal Exchange Fundraiser and Midday Music

Thanks for your support of this summer's fundraiser for the Organ Fund. Visit the table downstairs today during Fellowship Time to pick up your order of Fair Trade food items from Equal Exchange. And the Organ Completion Committee will also have selected items of coffee, tea and chocolate available for sale without pre-order.

This Wednesday, Dr. Steven Young of Bridgewater State University kicks off the Midday Music program for the year as our guest organist. Program starts at 12:15 pm, it's free, so bring a friend and enjoy!

Donations are accepted for the Organ Fund.



SERRV TABLE WILL BE OPEN TODAY!!

With New Items!

HARVEST FAIR



2019

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9 am to 2 pm

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1350 PLEASANT ST, BROCKTON

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), Lucy Guarnieri (cousin of Elizabeth Vann), Dan Harrigan (Cara's husband), Rev. Fred Hayes, Dick Hill, 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), Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), Luane Rich, 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. 9/15

- 8:00pm Adult Ringers
- 9:55am Worship
- 11:15am Youth Choir
- 11:15am Junior Ringers
- 11:30am Fellowship Hospitality Team Orientation
- 11:30am Music Committee Meeting

Mon. 9/16

Office Open

Tue. 9/17

- 9:30am Craft Group
- 1:00pm Quilt Guild

Wed. 9/18

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 12:15pm Midday Music Organ Concert w/Steven Young
- 6:00pm Dinner
- 6:45pm Adult Choir

Thur. 9/19

- 6:30pm BIC Meeting
- 7:00pm Council Meeting

Sun. 9/22

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Coffee Fellowship



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Welcome!