



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

September 22, 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 after the second hymn. 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

'Gather Us In'

No. 284

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, we come into your courts
with praise and thanksgiving!

People: We come in celebration and song.

Leader: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

**People: We come as those who have received blessing
upon blessing.**

Leader: We hear the cry of the poor in the land,
and ache to offer them relief.

**People: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing,
in Jesus' name.**

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INTROIT 'This Little Light of Mine'

Traditional, arr. Horace Clarence Boyer

GATHERING PRAYER

Ann-Marie Illsley

A WITNESS ABOUT WHY

Matthew Howard

HYMN

'All People That on Earth Do Dwell'

No. 18

(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*)

Pulpit Side: Loving God, you inspire us with love for all persons and concern for the well-being of all creation.

Give us today the strength and courage to transform the compassion of our hearts into acts of peace, mercy, and justice.

Eagle Side: Forgive us for the arrogance that leads to moral blindness, for desires for vengeance and retaliation, and for willingness to sacrifice others for our own security and avarice.

Help us to renounce all forms of violence: prejudice, unfair allegations, intolerance, and injury.

Pulpit Side: Give us the courage to resist threatening postures, calls to arms, mobilization of troops and weapons, and all actions that threaten the lives and livelihoods of innocent people.

Empower us to live out the caring presence of the merciful and generous persons we claim to be.

Eagle Side: Make us channels of your peace, bearers of healing, women and men who hear and respond with alacrity to pleas for justice in our world.

All: We ask all this in the name of Jesus who came among us to show us the way.

— from the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

KYRIE 'Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult' vs 1

No. 337

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless seas,
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow 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 'For the Beauty of the Earth' vs 1

No. 56

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Lay Reader: Adam Mitchell

HYMN

'There is a Balm in Gilead'

No. 501

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:1-13

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Hayes

ANTHEM

'Roll Down Justice'

Mark A. Miller

There's a voice strong and clear, ringing out for are and near, "Let justice roll down!" Like the rush of a stream, comes a powerful dream, let justice roll down, justice rolls down!

Let the earth be restored, every soul be reformed; let the healing renew, creation reborn. Here in this sacred space with the strength of God's grace, let justice roll down!

Roll down, justice! Roll, like an ever flowing stream.

On this glorious day, give us courage, we pray, that justice rolls down, let justice rolls down! Let the vision take flight and God will delight as waters flow down, justice abounds!

ORDINATION OF DEACONS

Congregational Response: We celebrate this day 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.

HYMN

'Here I Am, Lord'

No. 452

(as we sing the hymn, deacons past and present from this or any of the predecessor churches are invited to pass by these new deacons, laying hands and offering a prayer of blessing.)

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
Bill Cockshaw, soloist

'Let Everything That Hath Breath'

Jeffery L. Ames

Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Declare His glory among the nations. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name together. Hallelujah, bless His name for He's worthy to be praised. Clap your hands all ye people. Shout with a voice of triumph! For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

Come on and praise the Lord. Let's all praise His name. Praise him with the timbrel, praise Him with the dance. Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands. Sing "Hallelujah," praise His holy name. For the Lord is worthy to be praised. Let's praise the Lord! Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

*DOXOLOGY 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow' No. 50

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God' No. 65

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Voluntary and Allegro in C

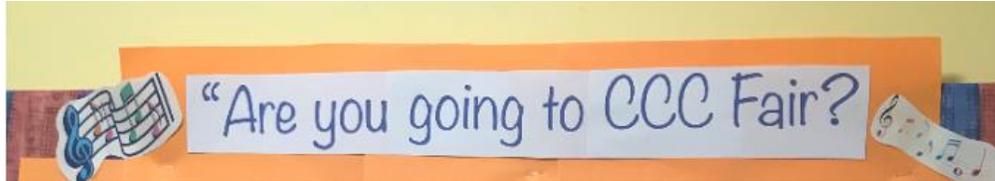
Henry Heron (1738 – 1795)

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

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Daniel E. Dunklee on the anniversary of his passing from the Dunklee family.

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 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 Pulled Pork, Baked Beans and Cole Slaw with a Salad. 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. Sign-up at website or the information counter.

HARVEST FAIR



2019

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9 am to 2 pm

**Christ Congregational Church
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), Carole Clark, Bob Cutting, 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, 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), Mary Poole, 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. 9/22

8:00pm Adult Ringers
9:55am Worship
11:15am Youth Choir
11:15am Junior Ringers

Mon. 9/23

First Day Of Fall

Tue. 9/24

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

Wed. 9/25

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

Thur. 9/26

6:30pm BIC Meeting
7:00pm Transition Team Meeting

Sun. 9/29

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9:55am Worship
11:15am Youth Choir
11:15am Junior Ringers



Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 9 - 2



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