



**Christ Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
***Creating Beloved Community***

9:55 a.m.

October 06, 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 Gloria and will return for communion. 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

Barry Shelley, Moderator

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

‘Come, Christians Join to Sing’

No. 90

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a land of suffering?

**P: We shall sing of courage and the strength of the Lord.**

L: How shall we sing the Lord’s song when we feel so lonely?

**P: We shall sing of unity and faithfulness, of reconciliation and hope.**

L: Come, let us sing the Lord’s song this day.

**P: Let us praise God in all our ways forever. AMEN.**

\*INTROIT

‘This Little Light of Mine’

Traditional, arr. Horace Clarence Boyer

\*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

‘All Creatures of Our God and King’

No. 22

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing; Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Burning Sun with gold beam, O Silver Moon with softer gleam, O Praise God, O

Praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*(after the Gloria, the children will be excused to their classes and will return for communion)*

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

WITNESS

Barry Shelley

## COMMISSIONING OF THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

### INTRODUCTION

*Search Committee Members:* We, who are serving on the Search Committee for Christ Congregational Church, promise to perform faithfully the vital task of searching for a new pastor. We pledge, with God's guidance and your prayers, to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all we do, say, and decide. We will endeavor: to establish a harmonious working relationship within our committee; to maintain consistent attendance at our Search Committee meetings; to be open and patient listeners to each other and to the congregation; to listen carefully to your hopes and dreams as we consult with you, the members, in the development of a description of our church community and the style of pastoral leadership we seek; to maintain strict confidentiality in all we read, say, and hear—protecting both the privacy of each other and of potential candidates; to review all profiles with open minds and hearts, treating all candidates fairly and justly; to seek decisions not made by majority rule, but by the coming together of minds, hearts, and souls in a consensus that will build a firm foundation for the effective future mission and ministry of this church.

*People:* **WE PLEDGE, AS A GATHERED COMMUNITY OF FAITH, TO BE PATIENT WITH YOU AND TO RESPECT YOUR NEED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL IN YOUR TASK. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE WORK OF OUR SEARCH COMMITTEE IS A DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT AND WILL TAKE MUCH EFFORT. WE PRAY FOR YOU AND OFFER OUR SUPPORT AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THIS TIME. THESE THINGS WE PROMISE IN THE HOPE AND BELIEF THAT YOU WILL BE OBEDIENT TO THE GUIDANCE OF THE SPIRIT AS YOU SEEK A NEW PASTOR TO MINISTER WITH US.**

### PRAYER

HYMN

'Into My Heart'

No. 304

FIRST READING

Lamentations 1:1-6

ANTHEM

'Precious Lord, Take My Hand'

Thomas A. Dorsey

*(words may be found in your hymnal, #628)*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:5-10

SERMON

Rev. Jane MacIntyre

MORNING PRAYERS

## OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OFFERTORY 'Let All the World In Every Corner Sing' Erik Routley

\*DOXOLOGY 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow' No. 48  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures her below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 'One Bread, One Body' No. 393

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*in unison*) Good and gracious God, sometimes we do not welcome people to our tables. Sometimes we do not practice our faith. Forgive us, and help us to try again.

KYRIE 'Into My Heart' No. 304

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart Lord Jesus;  
Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*please stand as you are able*)

\*THE COMMUNION PRAYER

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 consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with lyrics in Spanish and English. The second system also has a treble and bass staff with lyrics in Spanish and English. Chord symbols (C, G7, Am, F) are placed above the treble staff.

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

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to es - res Señ - or!  
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

*(be seated)*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

### BLESSING OF MANY BREADS

Unleavened Bread: Unleavened bread reminds us of all who eat their bread in haste. May it symbolize for us all the refugees who, like the Jews of old, have to leave their homes and flee before danger. May it remind us too, of the homeless in our own city and country.

**ALL: We pray, O God, for the uprooted people of the world; we remember the homeless in our own cities; let us in spirit be with all who wander seeking a home.**

Rye Bread: In medieval England, rye bread was the staple of the working class. Let it represent for all, those work and those unemployed who seek work.

**ALL: We pray, O God, for all those who work, for those who work in dignity and for those whose work robs them of dignity.**

Tortillas: The tortillas symbolize those who pray for their daily bread in Latin and Central America, places still torn with gang violence and conflict.

Places where people send their children hundreds of miles from home, hoping they will find safety and security far from home.

Let this bread speak to us of all who suffer in war, those who live in fear, those who are bereaved and persecuted, and those who yearn to eat their bread in peace.

**ALL: We pray, O God, for the oppressed, the wandering children and their parents who seek peace in their lives so they may raise their children in a world sweetened by justice.**

Saltines: The saltines represent to us the elderly, the salty ones, men and women who have endured, who have learned wisdom but who are fragile.

**ALL: Let us remember, O God, those who are what we shall become, at the end of life may they be given their daily bread and your Shalom.**

Shortbread: Shortbread brings to mind children, boys and girls and those who care for them. May this bread with its sweetness symbolize for us all those who must trustingly turn to others to provide their daily bread.

**ALL: O God, for all the children of the world, we give thanks. Open us to hear their cry for daily bread that out of the bounty of the earth we may feed even the least of your beloved children.**

Cornbread: May this bread, made gluten free, reminds us of Native Americans who had their land taken from them, and who in losing their land, lost hold of their way of life. Let this bread represent all those who have been forced from their homes and the land they love.

**ALL: We pray, O God, for all those in the past and present who, in war and by force, have been driven from their homes. The Jews in Europe, the peoples in many African countries, the native peoples of the Americas, the Palestinian and Israeli people, the Syrians and people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe. May your Shalom give us a vision of justice and healing that we may participate in now and in the coming days. AMEN**

All are welcome, for this is God's table, not ours. And in God's kingdom no one goes hungry. Come for all things are ready.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

#### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*(Our communion table is open to all who seek a closer relationship with Jesus. Today we will come forward, choose a bread, eat it, and take a cup of grape juice and drink it. If you cannot come forward, please signal to an usher/deacon and we will come to you.)*

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

'Eat This Bread'

Taizé

#### 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

'In Christ There Is No East or West'

No. 687

#### \*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*(please be seated for the closing music)*

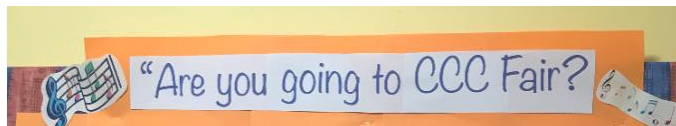
**CLOSING MUSIC**

**Participating in today's service are:**

- Rev. Jane MacIntyre, Guest Minister
- Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister
- John Marraffa, Substitute Choir Director
- John McKean, Guest 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.

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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.  
  
There's stuff in your attic, so please bring it in  
By a truck, a pallet, or bin  
Bring us old clothes, your dishes and drapes  
And please just remember, no VHS tapes  
  
Baked goods and candy, and anything sweet  
Homemade fudge, some cupcakes, and treats.  
We need volunteers, there's so much to do,  
Please sign-up to help, because we need you.

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**WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM**

This week we will be having Ham and Scalloped Potatoes with a Salad Bar. Please sign-up at the information counter. Suggested donation of \$7 - \$10 (*family cap \$25*), All invited!

## **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, Luke Creedon, 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), Stephanie Hathaway, Rev. Fred Hayes, Tatum Hayes & Family (Jay Sparling's friends), Dick Hill, Gayle Howard (Matt's cousin), Heidi Kilpatrick (Barbara Moody's friend), 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, George Sparling (Jay's cousin), Rich Vick, 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. 10/6**

9:55am Worship  
11:15am Youth Choir  
11:30am Parent Meeting  
11:30am Budget & Reporting Meeting In Upper Wing

**Tue. 10/8**

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

**Wed. 10/9**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Young At Heart  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:45pm Adult Choir  
6:45pm BIC Meeting

**Thur. 10/10**

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

**Sun. 10/13**

8:00am Adult Ringers  
9:55am Worship  
11:15am Junior Ringers  
11:30am Music Committee Meeting



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**Welcome!**