



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

October 20, 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 baptism, then may be excused to their classes. 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

*HYMN

'When Morning Gilds the Skies'

No. 100

GATHERING PRAYER



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Being baptized today: Salomè Ohanna Kaptimer, born on May 30, 2019 to Lauren Selman-Kaptimer and Henok Kaptimer.

QUESTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Do you desire for your child to be baptized? **We do**

Do you promise to be Christ's disciple, follow Christ's way, resist evil and oppression, and witness to Christ's work and word? **We do**

*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT (*please rise*)

Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to this child about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ? **We do**

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*remain standing*)

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

PEOPLE: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED (*in unison*)

We give you thanks Holy God, mother and father of all the faithful, for this baby who is today washed in the water of Baptism. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, value, love, support, nurture and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: and also with you

*GLORIA

'Clap Your Hands'

No. 38

1) Clap your hands, all you people;
shout unto God with a voice of triumph!

2) Clap your hands, all you people;
shout unto God with a voice of praise!

3) Hosanna! Hosanna!

Shout unto God with a voice of triumph!

Praise God! Praise God! Shout unto God with a voice of praise!

(the children may be excused to their classes following the Gloria)

PSALM 121

Lay Reader: Luanne Cockshaw

FIRST REFLECTION

Rev. Katrina Clinton

ANTHEM 'A Place at the Table' Lori True/Shirley Erena Murray
(please join in singing the refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

(Refrain) And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy!

For gay and for straight, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space, a rainbow of race and gender and color, for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 32:22-31
Lay Reader: Doug Anderson

SECOND REFLECTION Doug Anderson

ANTHEM 'Everything Possible' Fred Small
Doug Anderson, voice; Andrew Howard, guitar

We have cleared off the table, the leftovers saved
Washed the dishes and put them away.

I have told you a story and tucked you in tight
At the end of your knockabout day.
As the moon sets its sail to carry you to sleep
Over the Midnight sea I will sing you a song
no one sang to me May it keep you good company.

You can be anybody you want to be
You can love whomever you will.

You can travel any country where your heart leads
And know I will love you still.
You can live by yourself, you can gather friends around
You can choose one special one.

And the only measure of your words and your deeds
Will be the love you leave behind when your done.

There are girls who grow up strong and bold
Some boys quiet and kind
Some race on ahead, some follow behind,
Some go in their own way and time.

Some women love women, some men love men
Some raise children, some never do.

You can dream all the day never reaching the end
Of everything possible for you.

Don't be rattled by names, by taunts, by games
But seek out spirits true.
If you give your friends the best part of yourself,
They will give the same back to you.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 18:1-8

THIRD REFLECTION Rev. Patricia Hayes

MORNING PRAYERS

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.

OFFERTORY

'We Are One'

Brian Tate

When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one. When we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, when we run, we are one.

And we shall love one another with all our hearts. And we shall care for each other with all our soul and our might.

When we stand when we fall, when we rise we are one. In the cold, in the heat, in the dark, in the sun we are one.

And we shall love one another with all our hearts. And we shall care for each other with all our soul and our might.

When we're hurting one another, that's the way we hurt ourselves, with our sisters and our brothers we will rise.

And we do and we try we must live or we die. We will reach, we will climb, we will rise, we will fly, we are one. And these words shall be forever within our hearts,

And we shall teach them to our children, and remember them in our lives. When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one, when we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, when we run, we are strong, we belong, we are one!

*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

'Ours the Journey'

No. 458

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

'We Are One'

(Join In)

Participating in today's service are:

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister

Murray Kidd, Music Director

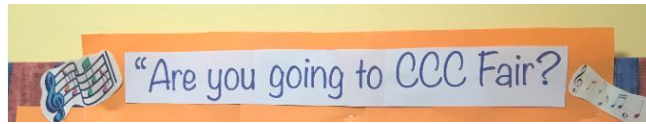
Alisa Cassola, Soloist

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.

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.

Statement Of Welcome (adopted October 18, 2009)

The Love of Christ for Each Person Knows No Bounds, and...

We, at Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Brockton, celebrate the diversity of God's creation and seek to be a community of Christians who live in openness to the voice of the Still Speaking God.

We celebrate family in all its diverse forms and honor, support, and bless all loving and committed relationships.

As we seek to live out our mission to live Christ's compassion and promote justice, healing, and wholeness of life, we welcome into our community persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing and family structure.

We invite and welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love.

We remember our promises made at baptism, therefore no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to this United Church of Christ.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM

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

Trunk or Treat

Join us for a Spooky and Fun Halloween celebration on October 27th! There will be a costume parade and Trunk or Treat immediately following church (think daytime trick or treating, but in the church parking lot with decorated car trunks). Then for adults, Murray Kidd will be performing *The Tell Tale Heart* by Edgar Allen Poe in Fellowship Hall, while children and families are invited to join in on some fun Halloween games. We will also be having a potluck lunch, please sign-up at the info counter. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to church that day. If you would like to sign up to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy, please see Ann-Marie or sign-up in the lobby.

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), Charley Milley Blankenburg, Bob Brown (Luanne Cockshaw's friend), Carole Clark, Luanne Cockshaw, 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), Sheila Klecha, Carl Manoogian (George's son), Issie Oliver (Strangis), 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, Norma Williams and Sawyer Young-Ferguson.

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. 10/20

ONA 10th Anniversary

8:00am Adult Ringers

9:55am Worship

11:15am Junior Ringers

11:15am Youth Choir

3:00pm Brockton Symphony Fall Concert

Tue. 10/22

9:30am Craft Group

7:00pm Fiber Fellowship (off-site)

Wed. 10/23

10:00am Bible Study

1:30pm Afternoon Bells

6:00pm Dinner

6:45pm Adult Choir

6:45pm BIC Meeting

Thur. 10/24

6:30pm BIC Meeting

7:00pm Transition Team Meeting

Fri. 10/25

7:00pm Silent Film Night "Hunchback Of Notre Dame"

Sat. 10/26

10:00am Book Group "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City"

Sun. 10/27

8:00am Adult Ringers

9:55am Worship

After Worship: Go right out for Trunk or Treat followed by games and potluck lunch inside.