



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

November 10, 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 presentation. 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 'All Creatures of Our God and King'
No. 22

GATHERING PRAYER

INTROIT 'Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around'

Traditional

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES FOR LONG-TIME MEMBERS

Today we recognize 50 year members, as well as those attaining 55, 60, 65, 70, and 75+ years of membership.

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

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(in unison)*

Faithful God, we come before you with many issues on our hearts. We get frustrated and angry at the way things are going in the world. We want your immediate intervention; and when we don't see things happening the way we think they should be, we are quick to dismiss you and any thought of your presence. Help us stop our selfishness and our quick anger. Remind us that you will work with us and through us for peace and hope. Release us from the traps of quick tests of your faithfulness and help us see the "big picture" of your awesome love that spans all of time. Forgive us for our pettiness and our stubbornness. Bring us back to you, O Lord. Help us shout your praises and live lives of joyful service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN

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

KYRIE

'Give Me a Clean Heart'

No. 515

Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee.
Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.
Give me a clean heart and I'll follow thee.

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

*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' vs 1

No. 4

Holly, 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!

A WITNESS

Laurel Fisher

PSALM 98

Lay Reader: Diane Landerholm

ANTHEM

'Praise to the Lord'

LOBE DEN HERREN
arr. Healey Willan

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 20:27-38

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Hayes

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fantasy for flute and piano in E minor, Op. 79 (excerpt)

Serenity Young Ferguson, flute Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OFFERTORY 'This is My Father's World' Traditional English Melody
adapted, Franklin L. Sheppard, arr. Bill Ingram

Covenant Ringers: Carol Bradford, Bill Cockshaw, Donna Costa, Donna Hefler, Sandy Hill and Luane Rich

*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 'We've a Story to Tell to the Nations' No. 484

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Serving Today:

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
Keith Allen, Hospitality Team Leader (sub for Luane Rich)

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.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM

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

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CHRIST CHURCH PIPE ORGAN SERIES

Midday Music with Sylvia Berry, Organist

Wednesday November 13th at 12:15 pm

“The Orpheus of Amsterdam:

Music of Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck”

Save the Date and Bring a Friend! **FREE!**

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ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! The Vitality Committee will again be hosting the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, on Sunday November 24th. Dinner will be served at 12 noon, immediately following a special coffee hour/ appetizer time in the upstairs wing. The dinner includes turkey, stuffing, with sides and desserts. Tickets are \$15 each, with a family cap of \$50 (children under 5 free). As always, if money is an issue, please see Lisa Landerholm or Reverend Patricia. Tickets will be on sale following church service throughout the month of November. If for some reason those times do not work, please call the office to reserve your ticket. We hope to see you on November 24th, and bring your appetite!

FROM THE ORGAN COMPLETION COMMITTEE

November Midday Music on Wednesday, November 13 at 12:15 pm, featuring our own *Sylvia Berry*, with her program, *“The Orpheus of Amsterdam: Music of Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck.”* Starting with the viola at age eleven and the piano at age thirteen, Sylvia went on to study at the New England Conservatory, Oberlin Conservatory, and the Royal Conservatory in The Hague in the Netherlands. The ‘Orpheus of Amsterdam’ was the nickname lovingly given to **Sweelinck** (1562–1621), an organist, composer, and music teacher whose fame reached far beyond the Dutch borders. As a child, Jan likely had his first musical instruction from his father, who served as organist at Oude Kerk—the most important church in Amsterdam at the time.



Midday Music is free, open to the public, with donations accepted for The Organ Fund.

Thursday Nov 14: THE CHATEAU SPONSORED FUNDRAISER

On **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14th 2019** visit the Chateau Restaurants **STOUGHTON** (1165 Park Street, Route 27) for lunch, dinner or take-out and let your server or phone representative know that you are participating in the fundraiser and to **FLAG YOUR CHECK**. FOR ONLINE USE CODE: **FUNDRAISER CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH-ORGAN FUND**

When paying your bill, **double check that the word “FUNDRAISER” is noted on your check** to insure the order has been included in the fundraiser. For online orders, **double-check that the fundraiser code has been added to the order.**

The Organ Fund will receive 20% of the total sales (before tax) from all the checks that were flagged.

THANK YOU CHATEAU RESTAURANTS AND TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THIS DAY!!



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:

Kathy Alden, 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), Patty Linder (friend of Denise Cahill), Kayleigh Lopez (Lisa Sparling's niece), Sheila Klecha, 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, 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. 11/10

8:00am Adult Ringers
9:55am Worship
11:30am Music Committee Meeting
11:30am Vitality Meeting
11:40am Confirmation Class
1:00pm Senior Youth Group Kick-Off

Mon. 11/11

Veteran's Day
6:30pm BIC Meeting

Tue. 11/12

7:00pm Fiber Fellowship
7:00pm Search Committee Meeting

Wed. 11/13

10:00am Bible Study
12:15pm Midday Music Organ Concert w/Sylvia Berry
1:30pm Afternoon Bells
6:00pm Dinner
6:45pm Adult Choir
6:45pm BIC Meeting

Thur. 11/14

7:00pm Transition Team Meeting
7:00pm Finance & Property Meeting

Sat. 11/16

9:30am New Members Class
6:30pm Dine with 7 @ 7

Sun. 11/17

8:00am Adult Ringers
9:55am Worship
Annual Fall Meeting
11:15am Junior Ringers
11:15am Youth Choir
12:00pm Junior Youth Group Kick-Off

