



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community
4th Sunday after Epiphany

9:55 a.m.

February 2, 2020

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 word with The Children, then may be excused to their program. There is nursery care available throughout the service, and a crying room for those who become inconsolable.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley, Moderator

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'We are Walking'

No. 442

(please sing the 5 English verses today: walking, marching, singing, dancing, praying)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they will receive mercy.

Blessed the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called children of God.

INTROIT

'Kumbaya'

Traditional

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

GATHERING PRAYER

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN: Welcome



SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

'This Little Light of Mine'

Traditional



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Being baptized today: Zoe Jahara Curtis, born on January 31st, 2019 to Tara and Sheila Curtis

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**

*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

'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 God's 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

Micah 6:1-8

ANTHEM

'Send Out Your Light'

Carlton T. Russell

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling:

That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness, and on the harp
will I give thanks to you, O God my God.

Why so heavy, O my soul?

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? And why are you so disquieted within
me?

Put your trust in God; For I will yet give thanks to God, who is the help of my
countenance and my God.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

Acting Associate Minister, Ann-Marie Illsley

HYMN

'What Does the Lord Require of You'

No. 661

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 'Blessed are the Persecuted' Tonga Melody

*DOXOLOGY 'I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me' No. 529

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me
Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

(This is a prayer where we call everyone to come to the table of thanksgiving and love)
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 is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "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". The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to g - res Señ - or! heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!".

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(remembering the story of Jesus as he blessed the bread and wine)*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *(praying for the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and juice)*

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(We will receive communion today by coming forward. Our table is open to all. If you cannot come forward, please signal a deacon. We will serve you in your pew. Please allow us to place a piece of bread or gluten-free wafer in your hands, eat it, then take a small cup of grape juice, drink it, and return the cup to the tray, returning to your seat by the side aisle)

ANTHEM ‘Let Us Break Bread Together’ Traditional Spiritual

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.

BLESSING OF CONFIRMANDS AND DEACONS

*HYMN ‘For the Healing of the Nations’ No. 668

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Serving Today:

- Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister
- Rev. Karen Gale, Interim Minister
- Murray Kidd, Music Director
- Sylvia Berry, Organist
- David Wilcox, Sign Language
- Loren Stott, Sign Language
- Eva Lomba, Lay Reader
- Kelly Deyoe, Hospitality Team Leader

All are invited to coffee and refreshments in the fellowship hall downstairs following the service. If you are visiting, we hope that you will return another week, and participate in any and all events, classes, and groups that are listed.

We are very excited to welcome our interim minister **Rev. Karen Gale**. Make sure you say hello!

WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Pulled Pork with Baked Beans and Cole Slaw. Please sign-up at the information counter. Suggested donation of \$7 - \$10 (family cap \$25), All invited!

Congregational Meeting:

We will hold a special congregational meeting on Sunday, February 16th, immediately following our worship service to hear and act on a proposal from the Finance and Property Committee, approved by Council, that our church clean up our parsonage and sell it as is.



WINTER WOVOS
February 17th - 21st
9:00am to 4:00pm

Christ Congregational Church, UCC, Brockton, MA
Special Church Meeting Warrant
February 16, 2020

In accordance with Article XIII, Church Meetings, Sec. 2 of the Christ Congregational Church, UCC, Brockton, MA Bylaws (amended on November 20, 2016); a **Special Meeting** of the membership has been called for **Sunday, February 16, 2020 (snow date: February 23, 2020)**, immediately following the 9:55AM Worship Service in the sanctuary at 1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA to act on the following articles:

Article I To call the meeting to order

Article II To hear and act on the proposal of the Finance and Property committee, approved by Council, to clean up the parsonage and sell it as is.

Article III To hear and act upon any other business that may properly come before the membership.

Article IV To ratify, either individually or jointly, any action taken by the membership at this meeting in accordance with Article XIII, Section 3C of the church bylaws.

Article V To adjourn the Annual Church Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Cords, Clerk

PRAYER CONCERNS

We pray for those who cannot be with us at church:

Steve & Carolyn Bennett, 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, Nancy Ames (Bob Cutting's sister-in-law), Priscilla Bailey, Carol Beffert-Banks, Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Linda Berry (Sylvia's mother), Bob Brown (friend of Luanne Cockshaw), Carole Clark, Nancy Clark (Carole's daughter), Luke Creedon, 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), Sheila Klecha, Patty Linder (friend of Denise Cahill), Kayleigh Lopez (Lisa Sparling's niece), Carl Manoogian (George's son), Linley Menard, Patricia Merianos (Dot Quimby's daughter), 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 Schmidt (friend of Lily Radau's), George Sparling (Jay's cousin), Rich Vick, 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. 2/2

8:00am Adult Ringers
9:55am Worship
11:00am Confirmation Class (Home Communion)
11:15am Junior Ringers

Tue. 2/4

7:00pm Missions Meeting

Wed. 1/29

10:00am Bible Study
1:30pm Afternoon Bells
6:00pm Dinner
6:45pm Adult Choir

Thur. 2/6

4:30pm Horizons For Homeless Children Training
5:00pm Staff Meeting
6:30pm CE Meeting
7:00pm Deacons
7:00pm Vitality Meeting

Sat. 2/8

6:30pm Dine with 7 @ 7

Sun. 2/9

8:00am Adult Ringer
9:55am Worship
11:30am Music Meeting
11:40am Confirmation Class

Please check Channel 5 (TV), the website, or the church answering machine if it is actively snowing before heading to church. We do cancel if people are being asked to stay off the roads or if there is no power at the church.



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