



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

January 5, 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 until after the word, 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

'Go, Tell It on the Mountain'

No. 167

GATHERING PRAYER

A WORD: EPIPHANY

(following the word, the children will be excused to their program)

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(in unison)*

Merciful God, Light of the world, we confess that we have not been as kind nor as generous as you would ask us to be. We ask your forgiveness and ask that we be awakened, that we may shine with the light of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

'It Is Well With My Soul' vs 1

No. 561

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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

'Clap Your Hands'

No. 38

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

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

Hosanna! Hosanna!, Shout unto God with a voice of triumph!

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

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

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT
Rev. Katrina Clinton

Isaiah 60:1-6

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Kate Howard

John 1:1-5

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Hayes

ANTHEM

'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!

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

'Woke Up This Morning'

Traditional Spiritual

*DOXOLOGY

'All Creatures of Our God and King' vs 4

No. 22

And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part, sing praises, Alleluia!

You who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God, who knows your ev'ry care. O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 'The First Noel' verses 3 & 5
(the children will return from their program)

No. 151

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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:

C G7 Am F G C

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

F G7 C Am F G7 C

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(We will receive the communion by coming forward. Please signal an usher if you would prefer to be served in your seat. Our table is open to all. Gluten-free wafers are available in the small dish for those who need them.)

COMMUNION MUSIC 'A Place at the Table' Lori True/Shirley Erena Murray

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 young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.

(Refrain)

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.

(Refrain)

Also.....

Impromptu in Ab, Op. 142, No. 2.

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

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.

PRESENTATIONS

*HYMN

'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'

No. 86

*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

Audrey Jones, Hospitality Team Leader

The celebration continues downstairs in fellowship hall with a luncheon and dessert table. 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.



WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM

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



Being the Church: Testimonies Of Faith

Our church book is HERE!

45 church members' stories, paperback, \$5.00

Available for purchase or pick-up **TODAY!**



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, 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. 1/5

9:55am Worship

Tue. 1/7

7:00pm CE Meeting

7:00pm Missions Meeting

Wed. 1/8

10:00am Bible Study

11:30am Organ Completion Committee Meeting

1:30pm Afternoon Bells

2:30pm WOVOS

6:00pm Dinner

6:45pm Adult Choir

Thur. 1/9

6:15 pm Media/Tech Meeting

7:00pm Finance & Property Meeting

7:00 pm Vitality Meeting

Sun. 1/12

8:00am Adult Ringer

9:55am Worship

11:30am Music Committee 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

