



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

9:55 a.m.

January 12, 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

Sue Koza, Vice Moderator

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'

No. 67

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*from Psalm 29*)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

**ALL: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;

**ALL: worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: May the Lord give strength to God's people!

**ALL: May the Lord bless God's people with peace!**

INTROIT

'Woke Up this Morning'

Traditional

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 42:1-6

Lay Reader: Adam Mitchell

MISSIONS MOMENT

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN: Interim

Ann-Marie Illsley

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

'This Little Light of Mine'



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

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(in unison)*

**We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love can be fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.**

KYRIE 'Blessed Quietness' refrain No. 267

Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul. On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me, and the billows cease to roll.

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE Acts 10: 34 and 43  
*(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 'Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come'  
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

THE STORY OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON Rev. Katrina Clinton

ANTHEM 'Precious Lord, Take My Hand' Rev. Thomas Dorsey,  
arr. Ed Lojeski

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near when my life is almost gone.  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand. I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near and the day is past and gone.  
At the river I stand guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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 'Trouble!' Traditional,  
arr. Sally Albrecht

Trouble! Soon I will be done with the trouble! Wade in the water, children. God's gonna trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in red. Must be the ones that Moses led. No more weepin' and awailin', I'm going to live with God.

\*DOXOLOGY 'All People That On Earth Do Dwell' vs 2 No. 18  
Know that there is one God, indeed, who fashions us without our aid, who claims, us, gives us all we need, whose tender care will never fade.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 'Called As Partners in Christ's Service' No. 453

## \*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*(please be seated for the closing music)*

## CLOSING MUSIC

### **Serving Today:**

Rev. Katrina Clinton  
Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister  
Murray Kidd, Music Director  
Sylvia Berry, Organist  
David Wilcox, Sign Language  
Loren Stott, Sign Language  
Adam Mitchell, Lay Reader  
Loren Stott, Hospitality Team Leader

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 donut, and hope that you will return next week.



**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Nelda Hayes in remembrance of her daughter Carolyn on her birthday.

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**WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM**

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

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**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!**

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**A ROADMAP TO THE JANUARY GAP TIME (2020)**

In case of....	Point person is:
Snow cancellation	For Sunday Service: Barry Shelley and Jeff Illsley For weekday events: if no school, call ahead. Cancellation decision will be up to the sponsoring group and Deana Colby and/or Bill Cockshaw. If an evening event is cancelled, be sure to notify Thomas Fisher.
Pastoral emergency, hospital calls, funerals	Ann-Marie Illsley who will triage to other ministers as needed.
Wednesday Care Team assignments	Ann-Marie and Deana until interim arrives
Staff emergencies, special requests, vacation approval	Leo Larson
Staff interface: Staff Meetings, coordinating with HR (wait for interim to schedule)	Barry Shelley
Preaching Schedule	Jan 12 Katrina Clinton Jan 19 Ann-Marie Illsley Jan 26 Jane MacIntyre Lay Readers are assigned.
Emergency Financial Aid	Ann-Marie Illsley and Jeff Illsley
Fellowship Teams	Lorraine Wilcox
Confirmation	Ann-Marie Illsley in charge, deacons to provide second person
Changes in FAQ Brochure	Deacons to report to Deana Colby
Renter issues, approval on new use of space	Leo Larson
Safe Church, incident emergency/report	Barry Shelley
WOVOS	Murray Kidd
Publication updates	Web: Leo Larson Other: Deana Colby

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 Barry Shelley: 857-210-3152  
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CHRIST CHURCH  
PIPE ORGAN SERIES PRESENTS



MIDDAY MUSIC  
"January Joy"  
Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
(snow date February 12)  
12:15 pm  
Leonardo Ciampa,  
Guest Organist

Free event  
Donations Accepted for  
The Organ Fund



LIKE us on  
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Organ Series



At Christ Congregational Church  
1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton  
508-586-3022  
E-mail: organ@brocktonucc.org  
•All parking in rear of building  
•Handicapped Accessible

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Brockton Interfaith Community (BIC) is excited to launch a new community space called Makin' It Brockton where we can celebrate our cultures, support local artists, learn from each other and empower Brockton residents to pursue their interests.

**Join us for our Grand Opening Thursday, January 16th and Saturday, January 18th.**

Please RSVP at our website at [www.makinitbrockton.org](http://www.makinitbrockton.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/pg/makin.it.brockton/events/>.

We are looking forward to seeing you! You can park on Main Street or in the new



**Makerspace =**

A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WITH SHARED INTERESTS SUCH AS COMPUTING, LANGUAGE SHARING, DIY PROJECTS, ETC. CAN GATHER TO WORK ON PROJECTS, SHARE IDEAS, EQUIPMENT AND KNOWLEDGE.

## GRAND OPENING of

MAKIN' IT BROCKTON

Join us...

Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 8 pm

Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 to 5 pm

RSVP on our website

[www.makinitbrockton.org](http://www.makinitbrockton.org)

Sign up for workshops or Facilitate a workshop. See Website for more details and information.



Brockton Makerspace



Makin.It.Brockton

## **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), 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.

### **Bereavement:**

We pray for the family of Bill Ames (Bob Cutting's brother-in-law).

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sun. 1/12**

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

**Tue. 1/14**

7:00pm Fiber Fellowship & Crafts

**Wed. 1/15**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:15am Midday Music Organ Concert w/Leonardo Ciampa  
1:30pm Afternoon Bells  
2:30pm WOVOS  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:45pm Adult Choir

**Thur. 1/16**

7:00pm Council Meeting

**Sun. 1/19**

8:00am Adult Ringer  
9:55am Worship  
11:15am Youth Choir  
11:15am Junior Ringers  
11:40am Confirmation Class



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**Welcome!**



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