



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

January 19, 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

'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

No. 631

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing praise to God, all the peoples!

P: Praise God who really loves us all!

L: Don't be afraid and do not doubt God's love.

P: Open our hearts, O God, and help us to receive that love.

L: Dance in joy to the spirit of God.

P: Let our spirits resound with joy at God's light of joy, AMEN.

INTROIT

'Precious Lord, Take My Hand'

Rev. Thomas Dorsey

GATHERING PRAYER

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN: Community

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

'This Little Light of Mine'

Traditional



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

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*in unison*)

God of Hope, at times all we feel is hopelessness. We have waited so long for justice. We have worked so hard and it seems for nothing. The world seems to get worse, as more people struggle to make ends meet, as more people become homeless, as violence rages around us. Burn the flame in us, O God, of hope. Be the light that cannot be hidden. Remind us that we are not alone, and others can help our light to shine. Call upon us to lean on one another during trying times. May we remember each other in prayer, and may we seek prayer from others. May we encourage and lift up one another, and call upon others for help. May we be renewed in spirit, O God, and look to Jesus Christ, the perfecter of our faith, who lived as one of us, died as one of us, but lives again so that all may have eternal love and life. It is in Christ's name we pray. 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 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
(*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

THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH

(Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come)

Isaiah 60: 1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Music by
JACK NOBLE WHITE (ASCAP)

REFRAIN

A - rise, shine; for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. The
Lord will be your ev - er - last - ing light, and your
God will be your glo - ry.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 49:1-7

ANTHEM 'Healing River' Fred Hellerman

Oh healing river, send down your waters upon this land. Send down your waters to wash the blood from off the sand. Oh healing river, no seed is growing in this barren ground. The land is parching. This land is thirsting.

Oh healing river, send your waters down. Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish. Let the deep roots nourish. Let the tall stalks rise. Proud leaves uncurling against the skies.

Oh healing river send down your waters. Send down your waters upon this land. Send down your waters to wash the blood from off the sand; to wash the land.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 1:29-42

SERMON

Acting Associate Minister, Ann-Marie Illsley

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

'Every Time I Feel the Spirit'

Traditional

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon that mountain, my Lord spoke, our of God's mouth came fire and smoke. All around me looks so fine, ask my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Jordan River chilly and cold, chills the body, not the soul. Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

I have heartache, I have woe, I have trouble here below. While God leads me I'll not fear, I am sheltered by God's care.

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

*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

*HYMN

'Down by the Riverside'

No. 673

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Three Spirituals

'We Shall Overcome'

arr. by William F. Smith

'Kum Ba Yah'

arr. by Jerry Ray

'I've Got Peace Like a River'

arr. by Jerry Ray

Serving Today:

Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language

Gini Hathaway, Lay Reader

Chris Madden, 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.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Ron Radau from Luanne Cockshaw and Lily Radau.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Baked Chicken with Stuffing and squash 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!**

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 1/19

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

Tue. 1/21

1:00pm Quilt Guild

Wed. 1/22

10:00am Bible Study
1:30pm Afternoon Bells
2:30pm WOVOS
6:00pm Dinner
6:45pm Adult Choir

Sun. 1/26

8:00am Adult Ringer
9:55am Worship
11:15am Youth Choir
11:15am Junior Ringers
11:40am Confirmation Class
3:00pm Brockton Symphony Chamber Concert



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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