



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9:55 a.m.

January 26, 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

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.

(ALL) 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. (sing twice)

(Choir) For behold, darkness covers the land, deep gloom enshrouds the peoples; but over you the Lord will arise, and God's glory will appear upon you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open; by day or night they never will be shut.

(ALL) 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.

(Choir) They will call you the City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls Salvation, and all your portals Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day, by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

(ALL) 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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Called to follow.

Called to leave it all behind.

Called to journey and not look back.

Called by name.

Called as we are.

Called and transformed.

Called to follow and transform others.

Called.

Called to tell the Good News.

Called to stand up for others.

Called to show people their worth.

Called to show people they're loved.

Called.

Called to gather. Called to worship.

INTROIT

'Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether'

Harold Friedell

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN: SNECUCC

A SNECUCC MOMENT

Congregational Affirmation: **In union with the entire United Church of Christ, we renew our love of God with heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our love of neighbor; and we respond to Jesus' call to live our faith with a welcome as wide as God's grace and a commitment to justice in our world as deep as the waters of our baptism.**

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

'This Little Light of Mine'

Traditional

PSALM 27:1,4,5

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(in unison)*

Loving Jesus, we confess that we have been afraid. We don't listen, because we don't want to hear where you challenge us to change. We don't follow, because we are afraid of where you will lead us. We have not gone where you have sent us, because we are afraid of encountering people different from us, because they may cause us to change. Forgive us for being afraid to listen to You, to follow You, and to go where You have sent us. Grant us the courage to step out in faith, to listen to Your voice, and to be changed by Your love through others and through Your creation. In Your 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

*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 '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 PROPHET ISAIAH Isaiah 9:1-4

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM 'I Will Make Your Fishers of Them' Dave and Jean Perry (ASCAP)

When the Lord went down to the lake one day, He saw Andrew and Simon working on the shore. He said, "Take your nets, now, and put them away. I will make you fishers of them. If you lay down your nets and you follow me, I will make you fishers of them."

So they left their nets and they followed God. And they walked by the Sea of Galilee on that day when Jesus called out to them, "I will make you fishers of them."

Then they came to a boat floating on the sea. There was James and John and father, Zebedee. Jesus called to the brothers, "Come and follow me. I will make you fishers of them."

So just listen close, the Lord is calling you. There's a lot of work that is left to do. Like those people of old, God's message still rings true, "I will make you fishers of them. If you lay down your nets, come and follow me, I will make you fishers of them."

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

Rev. Jane MacIntyre

HYMN

'Gather Us In' (verses 1, 2, and 4)

No. 284

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

'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say'

Lloyd Larson

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come now and follow me. Lay down your earthly cares," he said, "and I will set you free. " I came to Jesus as I was; I had no gifts to bring. God took my stubborn will, my pride and taugth heart to sing!

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, come now and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live for God.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

*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

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Serving Today:

- Jane MacIntyre, Reverend
- Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister
- Murray Kidd, Music Director
- Sylvia Berry, Organist
- David Wilcox, Sign Language
- Loren Stott, Sign Language
- Lisa Sparling, Lay Reader
- Keith Allen, Hospitality Team Leader

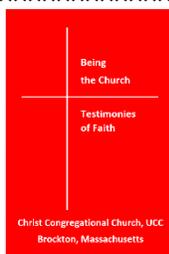
All are invited to coffee and refreshments in the fellowship hall downstairs following the service. If you are visiting, we hope that you will return another week, and participate in any and all events, classes, and groups that are listed.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory Carl Landerholm on the one year anniversary of his passing from Diane, Lisa and Ally.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Pot Roast with Mashed Potatoes 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!**

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

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. 1/26

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

Tue. 1/28

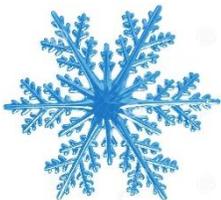
- 7:00pm Fiber Fellowship & Crafts

Wed. 1/29

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

Sun. 2/2

- 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