



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:55 a.m.

February 9, 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

Yukiko Oba, Guest Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley, Moderator

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Woke Up This Morning'

No. 623

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*c. Ann Asper Wilson, Flames of the Spirit*)

Leader: People of God, look about creation and see the faces of those we know and love—neighbors and friends, brothers and sisters - a communion of kindred hearts.

People: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know - strangers and sojourners, forgotten friends and new arrivals - the ones we are called to reach toward.

Leader: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here today. In me, in you, in each of us everywhere; God's Spirit shines for all to see.

People: People of God, let us speak of God's goodness and the light that shines within each one of us. Let us worship God together.

INTROIT

'Blessed Are the Persecuted' verse 1

Tonga Melody

Blessed are the persecuted, for Jesus Christ is living within them.

Great will be their reward, they shall be giv'n a crown, when the Lord comes from heav'n to meet them.

GATHERING PRAYER

MISSIONS MOMENT

George Manoogian

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN: Mirror

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

We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God.
 We are walking. We are Walking. We are walking in the light of God.
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PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(in unison, from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut on this, their day of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation)*

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:

You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.

We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others.

We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.

We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen

KYRIE

'Blessed Are the Persecuted' verse 3

No. 187

Blessed are the pure in heart, for Jesus Christ is living within them.

Great will be their reward, they shall be giv'n a crown, when the Lord comes from heav'n to meet them.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(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

'Let the Whole Creation Cry' verse 1

No. 21

Let the whole creation cry; Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high! Alleluia!

Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!

Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

ANTHEM

'All My Trials'

Traditional Spiritual,
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

If religion was a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor would die.
All my trials Lord, soon be over.

I have a little book, it was given to me, and ev'ry page spells liberty. All my trials, Lord,
soon be over.

Too late, my brothers, sisters! Too late, but never mind. All my trials, soon be over.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON

'Old Salt and New Light'

Rev. Karen Gale

*HYMN

'Gather Us In'

No.284

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Creator), 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

'Chariot!'

Traditional Spirituals,
arr. Philip Kern

Gonna ride up in the chariot early in the morning, and I hope I join the band.

O, Lord, have mercy on me. And I hope I join the band.

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan and what did I see, comin' for to carry me home?

A band of angels comin' after me, comin' for to carry me home!

O, Lord, have mercy on me. And I hope I join the band.

*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

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Serving Today:

- Rev. Karen E. Gale, Interim Minister
- Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister
- Murray Kidd, Music Director
- Yukiko Oba, Guest Organist
- David Wilcox, Sign Language
- Loren Stott, Sign Language
- Luane Rich, 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 John Hathaway on the third anniversary of his passing from the Hathaway family.

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.

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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

WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Shepherd's Pie and a Salad Bar. Please sign-up at the information counter. Suggested donation of \$7 - \$10 (family cap \$25), All invited!



WINTER WOVOS
February 17th - 21st
9:00am to 4:00pm
Register @ wovos.org

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS:

Feb. 16th: Off-Site Escape Room Event

Feb. 19th: Dinner & Special Meeting

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MIDDAY MUSIC
"February Festival"
Wednesday, February 12th

12:15 pm
Leonardo Ciampa,
Guest Organist

Free event
Donations Accepted for
The Organ Fund

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



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), 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 Richard (Dick) Hill

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 2/9

8:00am Adult Ringers

9:55am Worship

11:30am Music Meeting

11:40am Confirmation Class

Tue. 2/11

11:30am OCC Meeting

7:00pm Fiber Fellowship & Crafts

Wed. 2/12

10:00am Bible Study

12:15pm Midday Music Organ Concert w/Leonardo Ciampa

1:30pm Afternoon Bells

6:00pm Dinner

6:45pm Adult Choir

Thur. 2/13

6:15pm Tech Meeting

7:00pm Finance & Property Meeting

Sun. 2/16

8:00am Adult Ringer

9:55am Worship

Congregational Meeting after worship

11:30am Youth Choir

11:15am Junior Ringers

11:30am Senior/Junior Youth Group Event



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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.