



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

9:55 a.m.

February 23, 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
(See Insert)

'All Are Welcome'

Two Oaks,
Marty Haugen

CALL TO WORSHIP

On glory's mountaintops of wonder and delight, we wait:

for God's amazing grace to transform our shadowed lives.

In the valleys of everyday life, where noise overwhelms us, we wait:

willing to waste time simply being in God's presence.

In the devouring fires of fear, in the mist of misguided living, we wait,

for the One who comes in majesty, to lead us down the paths of humility.

INTROIT

'Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!'

Trad. Spiritual, arr. Carl Heywood

GATHERING PRAYER

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN: Forgiving (*the forgiving father*)

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

'This Little Light of Mine'

Traditional



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

Somedays I look down afraid I will fall. And though the sun shines, I see nothing at all. And then I hear your sweet voice, Oh, come and then go; telling me softly You love me so, but sooner or later, it's there I will go. Sooner or later, it's there I will go.

A LETTER FROM PETER

2 Peter 1:16-21

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

Rev. Jane MacIntyre

HYMN

'Transform Us'

No. 182

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

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

'Hold On-Gospel Plow'

Trad. Spiritual,
arr. Rory Cooney

Owen Kidd, trumpet,
piano arr. Tony Ward

Paul and Silas locked in jail, got no money to go their bail. Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on. Paul and Silas thought they was lost, dungeon shook and the chains come off keep your eyes on the prize, hold on.

Only chain that we can stand is the chain of hand on hand. Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on. Wouldn't take nothing for my journey now, got my hand on the gospel plow. Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on.

Only thing that we did wrong: stayed in the wilderness too long. Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on. Only thing that we did right was the day we refused to fight. Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on.

Heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come to me, I am the way." Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on. When the day is dark as night, I know Jesus will be my light. Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on.

Child of God, rise and be free, spread the dream of the jubilee. Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on. If we're peaceful, true and bold, streets of earth gonna shine like gold. Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on.

*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 ‘Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken’ No. 709

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Giving credit where credit is due: Lavon Bayler, Thorn M. Shuman and William Loader -
adapted by Jane MacIntyre.

Serving Today:

Rev. Jane MacIntyre
Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Sylvia Berry, Organist
David Wilcox, Sign Language
Loren Stott, Sign Language
Tricia Gross, 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.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM

This week is **ASH WEDNESDAY** and we will be having our annual Pancake Dinner with Sausage and Fruit Salad. Please sign-up at the information counter. Suggested donation of \$7 - \$10 (family cap \$25), All invited!

After dinner at 6:45pm we will be going upstairs to the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday service.



LEAP YEAR CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 29th from 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Come join us for a fun family night of games and activities. There will be appetizers and snacks!

All Welcome!



Breakfast and Beliefs

A Lenten Saturday Morning Tradition

Begins Saturday, February 29th

(Yes, this next Saturday!)

This year's theme for Breakfast and Beliefs is Transitions and Transformations. This next Saturday's focus will be Pastoral Transitions and the Beloved Community. Presenters will be Pastor Mary Perry from First Congregational Church, UCC, of Stoughton, and two First Church parishioners, Marcia Olson and John Baglole. These presenters will speak from different perspectives about transitioning into a new pastorate.

Please join us for a delicious breakfast at 9:00 followed by presentations from our three invited speakers and then a lively conversation among all of us about church changes and transitioning into a new pastorate. Can change and transition bring transformation? How? Let's explore all this together!

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES:

Join us this Sunday for a Spiritual Practices ‘Buffet’ and support our confirmation class! During Lent, our confirmands will be choosing and following a spiritual practice. We’re asking other members of the congregation to support them by choosing your own spiritual practice. This Sunday during fellowship hour, we’ll have lots of different spiritual practices for you to explore! Hope you’ll join us and check it out!



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), 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), David Fairbanks, 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), Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill’s grand-niece), Luane Rich, Ed Selman (Lauren Selman’s father), George Sparling (Jay’s cousin), 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 Ann Tirrell (friend of Bill & Luanne Cockshaw).

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 2/23

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

Tue. 2/25

7:00pm Fiber Fellowship

Wed. 2/26

ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00am Bible Study
1:30pm Afternoon Bells
6:00pm Dinner (Pancakes)
6:45pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:30pm Adult Choir

Sat. 2/29

9:00am Breakfast & Beliefs
11:00am Fellowship Hall Rental
6:30pm Leap Year Celebration

Sun. 3/1

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



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