



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community
First Sunday Of Lent

9:55 a.m.

March 1, 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*). Throughout Lent, we will also have a labyrinth in the chapel area. Please feel free to visit it before or after worship. The children will be with us through the Gathering Prayer, then will return for communion. 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

'I Want Jesus to Walk with Me'

No. 627

CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter this season of Lent, knowing the wilderness is ahead;

Prepare us, O God, to face whatever adversity may come.

We enter this week, uncertain of the distractions that might arrive;

Help us, O God, to keep our minds on You.

We enter this day, hoping to set our hearts on Christ;

Keep us, O God, to the way of faith.

We enter this time of worship, dependent upon our God;

Show us, O God, Your way, Your truth, and Your life. Amen.

INTROIT

'Stand By Me'

Charles Albert Tindley

GATHERING PRAYER

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

'This Little Light of Mine'

Traditional

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

SERMON

Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister

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

'WOYAYA'

Loughy Amoa,

Solomon Amarfio, Robert M. Bailey, Roy Bedeau, Francis T. Osei, Whendell K. Richardson, and Mac Tontoh.

We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within. And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will. It will be hard, we know, and the road will be muddy and rough, but we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will.

Woyaya, woyaya, woyaya, woyaya.

*DOXOLOGY

'All Creatures of Our God and King' vs 4

No. 22

And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part, sing praises, Alleluia! You who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God, who knows your ev'ry care. O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

'Spirit of the Living God'

No. 259

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

(This is a prayer where we call everyone to come to the table of thanksgiving and love)
God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God...

Therefore, with all who love and serve you in heaven and on earth, we raise our voices:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My". The second system continues the lyrics: "co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to g - res Señ - or! heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines, along with chord symbols (C, G7, Am, F, G) above the treble staff.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*remembering the story of Jesus as he blessed the bread and wine*)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (*praying for the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and juice*)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(We will receive communion today by coming forward. Our table is open to all. If you cannot come forward, please signal a deacon. We will serve you in your pew. Please allow us to place a piece of bread or gluten-free wafer in your hands, eat it, then take a small cup of grape juice, drink it, and return the cup to the tray, returning to your seat by the side aisle)

COMMUNION MUSIC

'In the Upper Room'

Russell Nagy

Children, I am with you but a little while. Where I go, you cannot follow. You will seek, but will not find me; still you know that I am the Way. Don't be troubled that I say I go away; it is best for you I go now. If I go, I make a place for you; and I'll come to take you someday.

I will send the Holy Spirit to you to lead you in truth, to guide what you do. God will remind you then of all I have said; and I will always be with you.

Take and eat my body broken now for you; take and drink my blood I offer. What I do for you, you know not. If you love me, you will obey.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves to others.

Your love has made us a new people.

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts.

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

*HYMN

'It Is Well with My Soul'

No. 561

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Serving Today:

Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language

Lisa Landerholm, 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 we will be having Chicken Pot Pie and a Salad Bar. Please sign-up at the information counter. Suggested donation of \$7 - \$10 (family cap \$25), All invited!

Breakfast and Beliefs

**A tradition of food and thought during Lent
Saturday mornings, Feb. 29-April 4, 9-11am**



We are looking for some folks who are willing to make 5 minute witness statements for each of the sessions. Talk to Barry, Doe or Katrina if you would like to speak to any of the following topics. We need three speakers for each session.

The theme for the series is: “Transitions and Transformation” so we are talking about changes in our lives and the lessons we have learned.

Here is the schedule:

March 7: Loss and Transformation

Can you describe a loss in your life (and this does not just have to be a death)?

Loss of eyesight or hearing or mobility, for example.

Tell how your faith and church helped or hindered you in this time.

What lessons did you learn about yourself, others, God?

March 14: Separation and Transformation

How has a separation impacted your life?

It could be a job, a person, an organization, anyone you used to be close to.

How did your faith help or hinder your living through the separation?

What lessons did you learn about yourself, others, God?

March 21: Renaming and Transformation

Renaming might be as simple as changing your name or as complicated as discovering a self different from what you thought you were.

What was it like to realize a new identity and to present that self to others?

How did your faith impact the change in your life?

What surprises did you find along the way? What lessons did you learn?

March 28: Discipleship and Transformation

What difference does it make in your life that you are a Christian, a follower of Jesus?

How do you understand your own call to discipleship?

When you hear a Benediction at the end of a service, what part motivates you to go out and do something to help and serve others?

April 4: Mission, Ministry and Transformation

This session will focus on how the Beloved Community of Christ Church can “Be the Church” in the future. There will be an update from the Pastoral Transitional Team as well as a general discussion sharing ideas for how we can expand our ministry and serve the greater Brockton community. Let’s brainstorm together.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES:

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. On 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), Eleanor Calvin, 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 3/1

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



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Welcome!

Tue. 3/3

7:00pm Missions Meeting
7:00pm Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

Wed. 3/4

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

Thur. 3/5

11:30am Organ Completion Committee Meeting
6:30pm CE Meeting
7:00pm Deacons Meeting
7:00pm Vitality Meeting

Sat. 3/7

9:00am Breakfast & Beliefs
4:00pm Senior/Junior Youth Group Event (Off-Site)

Sun. 3/8

8:00am Adult Ringer
9:55am Worship
11:30am Music Committee Meeting
11:40am Confirmation Class
3:00pm Brockton Symphony Winter Concert

[We have a few free tickets available for the Symphony concert. Please ask in the office if you're interested.](#)