



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

9:55 a.m.

March 8, 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 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

'God is Here!'

No. 280

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I lift my eyes up to the mountains, from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: God will not let your foot be moved, God who keeps you will not slumber.

People: God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

People: The sun will not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil, the Lord will keep your life.

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

From this time on and forevermore.

INTROIT

'Stand By Me'

Charles Albert Tindley

GATHERING PRAYER

MISSIONS MOMENT

Lauren Selman-Kaptimer

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN: Retry

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

HYMN

'I've Got Peace Like a River'

No. 530

(following the hymn, the children will be excused to their classes)

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(in unison)*

Wise God our Savior, we confess that we have fallen for the world's knowledge, a knowledge that claims to be of good and evil, but is truly of power and control. We have sought to gain an edge over others, to possess more by consuming more, to make sure our comforts and way of life are met before others can even simply live. God of Wisdom, forgive us. Call upon us to remember what You have taught us in loving others, caring for the needs of others, sharing all the resources You have given us to be good stewards of the earth and all of creation. Lead us into the life of the kin-dom, the beloved community that You have created for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

KYRIE

'Just a Closer Walk with Thee'

No. 557

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

*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

'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.

PSALMS 121

MUSIC

'For the Beauty of the Earth'

Conrad Kocher, arr. Bill Ingram

Covenant Ringers: *Carol Bradford, Donna Costa, Donna Hefler, Sandra Hill, Murray Kidd, and Luane Rich*

(Even though this is an instrumental piece, the first verse of the poem that inspired this arrangement is below. Lines of the poem have been altered for space in the bulletin; capital letters indicate the beginning of a new line of the poem)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love Which from our birth Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

Elder William Dickerson II

HYMN

'Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days'

No. 180

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

'Roll Down, Justice!'

Mark A. Miller

There's a voice, strong and clear, ringing out far and near, "Let justice roll down!" Like the rush of a stream, comes a powerful dream, let justice roll down, justice rolls down! Let the earth be restored, ev'ry soul be reformed; let the healing renew, creation reborn. Here in this sacred space with the strength of God's grace, let justice roll down, justice rolls down!

Roll down! Roll down justice! Roll, like and ever flowing stream.

On this glorious day, give us courage we pray, that justice rolls down, let justice roll down! Let the vision take flight and God will delight as waters flow down, justice abounds!

Roll down! Roll down justice! Roll, like and ever flowing stream.

*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

'This is a Day of New Beginnings'

No. 518

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Serving Today:

Elder William Dickerson II, Guest Preacher
Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Sylvia Berry, Organist
David Wilcox, Sign Language
Loren Stott, Sign Language
Deana Colby, Hospitality Team Leader

There will be a special informational meeting of the congregation immediately following our worship service this morning for the purpose of updating the congregation about the search for an Interim Pastor and providing a space for your related questions and concerns.

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.

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WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM

This week we will be having a Turkey Dinner. 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 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 for the coming weeks. Resources can be found on the way into Fellowship Hall.





TODAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

CHRIST CHURCH
PIPE ORGAN SERIES PRESENTS



MIDDAY MUSIC
Wednesday March 11th at
12:15 pm
"Lenten Reflections"
Joe Scolastico,
Guest Organist

Free event
Donations Accepted for
The Organ Fund



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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, Lieutenant Colonel Steven Simmons, Derek Stanley and Bradford Townsend.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Tue. 3/10

- 6:30pm Missions Meeting
- 7:00pm Fiber Fellowship
- 7:00pm Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

Wed. 3/11

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 12:15pm Midday Music Organ Concert w/ Joe Scolastico
- 1:30pm Afternoon Bells
- 6:00pm Dinner
- 6:45pm Adult Choir

Thur. 3/12

- 6:15pm Media/Tech Meeting
- 6:30pm CE Meeting
- 7:00pm Finance & Property Meeting

Sat. 3/14

- 9:00am Breakfast & Beliefs

Sun. 3/15

- 8:00am Adult Ringer
- 9:55am Worship
- 11:15am Junior Ringer

*The
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