



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

9:55 a.m.

March 15, 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 Children's Word, 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

'Gather Us In'

No. 284

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are on a journey of faith. Jesus is our leader and our guide.

P: We place our trust in him.

L: As the daylight hours grow longer, our journey takes on urgency.

P: We must prepare our hearts for Jerusalem.

L: Do not fear! God goes before us, into Jerusalem, into the world.

P: Amen!

INTROIT

'Wade in the Water'

Traditional

GATHERING PRAYER

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN: Conversation

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT
be excused to their classes)

'This Little Light of Mine'

(the children may



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

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O, may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

SERMON

Donna Costa

HYMN

'Spirit Song'

No. 352

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

(As a health precaution, we will forego passing the offering plates in the pews for the time being. You are invited to place your offering in the plate at the rear of the church after the service.)

OFFERTORY

'Jesus, Lover of My Soul'

Terre Johnson

Jesus, Lover of My Soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last! Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

*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

'Fill My Cup, Lord'

No. 351

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Bouree I & II from

English Suite No. 1 in A major. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Serving Today:

- Donna Costa, Guest Preacher
- Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister
- Murray Kidd, Music Director
- Sylvia Berry, Organist
- David Wilcox, Sign Language
- Loren Stott, Sign Language
- David Wilcox, 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: POSTPONED TILL FURTHER NOTICE!

Breakfast and Beliefs.

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



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 21: Renaming, Reframing and Transformation:

- How did you have to reframe your life to the new reality of who you were becoming?
- 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:

(This session will be held upstairs in the wing.)

- 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?
- What has surprised you along your path? What lessons can you pass on to others?

April 4: Mission, Ministry and Transformation:

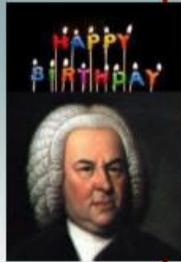
This session will focus on how the Beloved Community of Christ Church can “Be the Church” in the future. There will be an update from the Pastoral Transition Team as well as a general discussion sharing ideas for how we can expand our ministry and serve the greater Brockton community. Let’s brainstorm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



ARTS @ CHRIST CHURCH AND CHRIST CHURCH PIPE ORGAN SERIES PRESENT



BACH BIRTHDAY BASH
SUNDAY, MARCH 22 at 3:00 PM
Nicole Keller, Organist,
& the
Voyager Guitar Duo:
Jim Davidson &
Victor Main



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

Admission:
\$20 Adults
\$15 Seniors
\$5 Students
Children under 12 FREE
Refreshments
following concert

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the
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Stoughton Cultural
Councils



All Proceeds Benefit
the Organ Fund



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), Sheila Klecha, 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), Ruth Poole, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), Luane Rich, Ed Selman (Lauren Selman's father), George Sparling (Jay's cousin), Shirley Strangis, Andrea Trinkler 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. 3/15

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

Tue. 3/17

7:00pm Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

Wed. 3/18

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

Thur. 3/19

5:00pm Staff Meeting
7:00pm Council Meeting

Fri. 3/20

6:00pm Senior/Junior Youth Group Event

Sat. 3/21

9:00am Breakfast & Beliefs

Sun. 3/22

8:00am Adult Ringer
9:55am Worship
11:15am Junior Ringer
11:40am Confirmation Class
3:00pm Bach Birthday Bash Concert

*The
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of
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Welcome!