



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA

September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! While we can't be together physically, we are glad to bring our congregation together for worship online. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

PRELUDE (9:50am)

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather our voices and spirits in praise.

O God, quiet our souls so we may listen.

We seek within our heart Your call on our lives.

O God, quiet our minds so we may ponder Your words.

We long to join together in person; however, we know You are with all of us now.

O God, unite us together as one in worship of You.

OPENING SONG

'Bambalela'

Murray Kidd

(scroll down to music)

GATHERING PRAYER

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

HYMN

'Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven' vs. 1, 3, 4

No. 23

(scroll down to music)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love for each and every one of your children. Help us grow so that we might reflect that love to other. We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

'Go Down Moses'

No. 663

(scroll down to music)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:15-20

Moriah Illsley

If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

SERMON

Ann-Marie Illsley

ANTHEM

'Huria'

Patsy Ford Simms

PASTORAL PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

When we give some of what we have for God's use, we are sharing the love of God in tangible ways. Love does no wrong, the Apostle Paul tells us, so when we love, we are fulfilling the law that God has given us. Let us now share what we have, trusting that when we love one another, we are doing enough. We ask that you give as you are able.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

'We Are Walking'

No. 442

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Ann-Marie Illsley
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Sylvia Berry, Accompanist
Alisa Cassola, Soloist
David Wilcox, Interpreter
Moriah Illsley, Lay Liturgist

23 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en, glad of heart your
 2. Praise to God for grace and fav - or shown to all who
 3. Moth - er - like, God tends and spares us, know - ing well our
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish: blows the wind, and
 5. An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion you who see God

1. car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 2. are op - pressed. God shows stead - fast love for - ev - er,
 3. frag - ile frame. Fath - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 4. it is gone. But, while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
 5. face to face; sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

1. who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. ten - der - heart - ed, slow to blame. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. God's com - pass - ion still lives on. Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. dwell - ers all in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all our days.
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me praise God's name!
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal One!
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women's
 Center and Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

LAUDA ANIMA
 87.87.87

♩=108-116

Go Down, Moses

Unison

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land;
 2. No more shall they in bond - age toil,
 3. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do,
 4. Then Mir - iam danced and sang her song,
 5. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee,

Harmony *Unison*

1. let my peo - ple go, op - pressed so hard they
 2. let my peo - ple go, let them come out with
 3. let my peo - ple go, to lead the He - brew
 4. let my peo - ple go, "Our God has tri - umphed
 5. let my peo - ple go, and let us all in

Harmony

1. could not stand, let my peo - ple go.
 2. E - gypt's spoil, let my peo - ple go.
 3. chil - dren through, let my peo - ple go.
 4. o - ver wrong!" Let my peo - ple go.
 5. Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

GO DOWN MOSES
Irr. $\text{♩} = 60-64$

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land.
 go down, Mo - ses,

Go down, go down, Mo - ses,

Tell old Pha - raoh, let my peo - ple go.

We Are Walking

(Siyahamba/Caminando)

We are walk ing* in the light of God, we are
 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -
 Ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios, ca - mi -

walk - ing in the light of God. We are
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos. Si - ya -
 nan - do en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

of God we are
 kwen - khos' si - ya
 de Dios ca - mi

walk - ing in the light of the light of God. We are
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya
 nan - do en la luz de la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

of God
 kwen - khos'
 de Dios

* marching/singing/dancing/praying

WORDS and MUSIC: South Africa (20th century)

SIYAHAMBA
Irr.

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walk - ing We are
 ham - ba Si - ya
 nan - do Ca - mi

walk - ing, we are walk - ing, walk - ing, we are
 ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
 nan - do va - mos, ca - mi - nan - do va - mos, ca - mi -

Oo

walk - ing in the light of God.
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos.
 nan - do en la luz de Dios.