CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA

September 6, 2020 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost 9:55 am

Welcome to worship! While we can't be together physically, we are glad to join our two congregations together for worship online. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. This morning, we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion remotely. We hold that the communion table is open to any and all who desire a closer relationship with Christ. To prepare for this sacrament, we invite you to gather communion elements from what you have at hand, some bread or crackers and some juice or water.

PRELUDE (9:50 am) Sylvia Berry, piano

'One Bread, One Body'
'Come, Share the Lord'

RINGING OF THE CHIMES 'I'm Gonna Sit At The Welcome Table'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Serenity and Sawyer Young-Ferguson

One: Welcome, friend and stranger –
All: Welcome, honored guest.
One: We gather as a community to worship God,
All: To be reminded of God's goodness,
One: To be reminded of the call to be a part of that goodness.
All: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 2
(scroll down to music)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*
Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
The fear that stifles us,
The prejudice that blinds us,
The ignorance that hobbles us,
The doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
Find courage in unlikely place,
See the world with new and gracious eyes,
Move to those places where love is needed,
Have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 138 Serenity Young-Ferguson

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Luke 11:1-4

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

SERMON Ann-Marie Illsley

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 trespasses (sins), as we forgive those who trespass (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.

A TIME FOR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

God has provided what we need to enjoy God's creation, and serve God and neighbour in loving kindness. Our offering will spread the gifts God gives to neighbours in need in the name of Christ, our Lord. We ask that you give as you are able.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling No. 517
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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Because we cannot be together to share this sacrament, we ask that you gather the communion elements (bread and juice) from what is in your home. The communion elements used by Christians vary across culture and tradition. You can use a piece of bread or a cracker and some juice or water (whatever you have will be just fine) and we will bless these elements together.

Invitation
Communion is open to any and all who want a closer relationship with Christ.

Communion Prayer

May God be with you

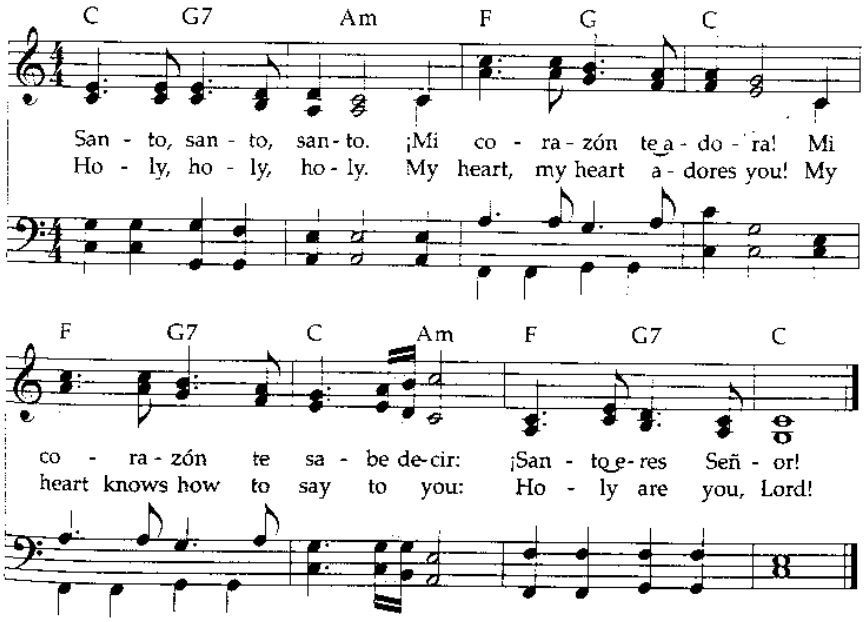
And also with you!

Lift your hearts

We lift them up to God!

Let us give thanks to God most high.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!



Prayer of Consecration
We bless the elements and ask God to be present in this sacrament.

Words of Remembering
We remember the story of Jesus and his disciples sharing the first communion meal.

Sharing of the Elements
Let us at many tables receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.
We come unto Christ in the Bread we share.

Let us in many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.
We come unto Christ in the Cup we share.

COMMUNION MUSIC ‘In This Very Room’ No. 295
(scroll down to music)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we thank you for this meal
and for all of the ways you nourish us.
Grow in us that we may nourish others.
Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sylvia Berry, piano
‘Go Now in Peace’

Participating in Today’s Worship Service:
Ann-Marie Illsley
Sylvia Berry, Accompanist
Karl Koza, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter
Lay Readers:
Sawyer Young-Ferguson and Serenity Young-Ferguson

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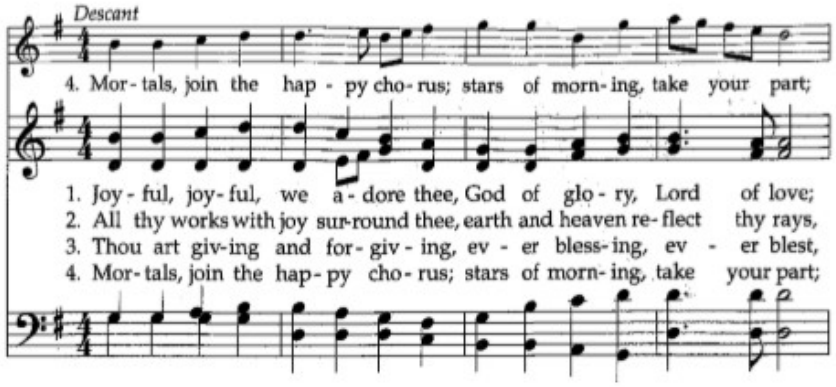

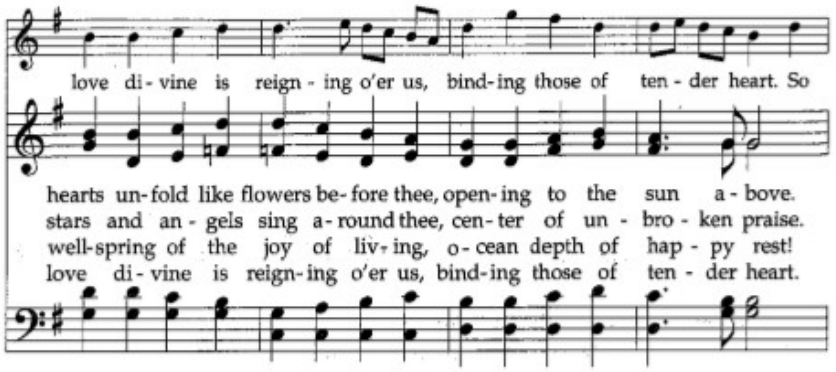

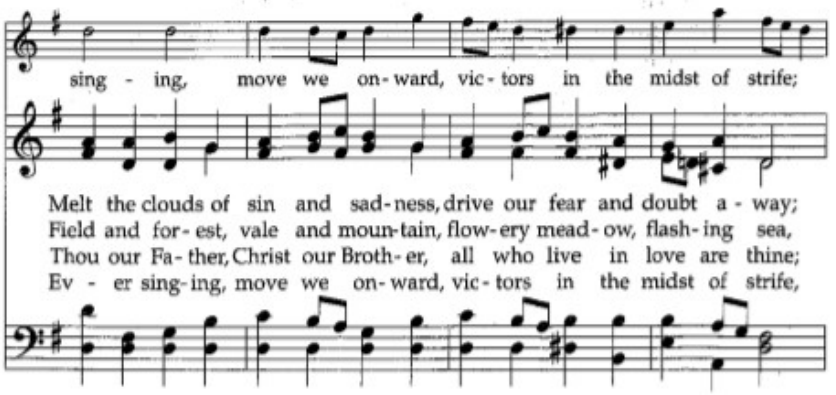

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HYMN TO JOY
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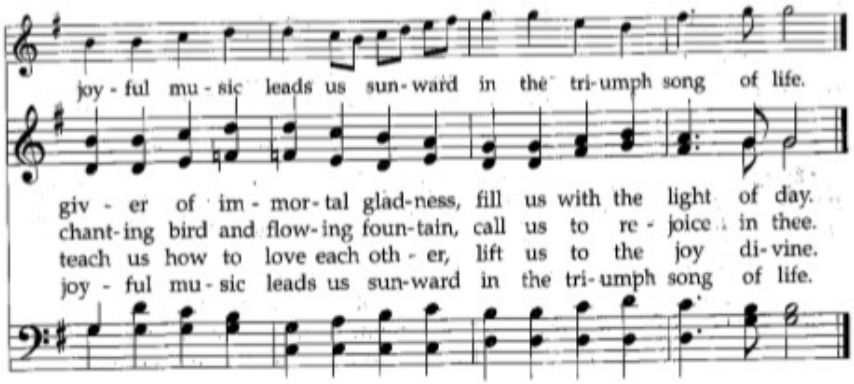

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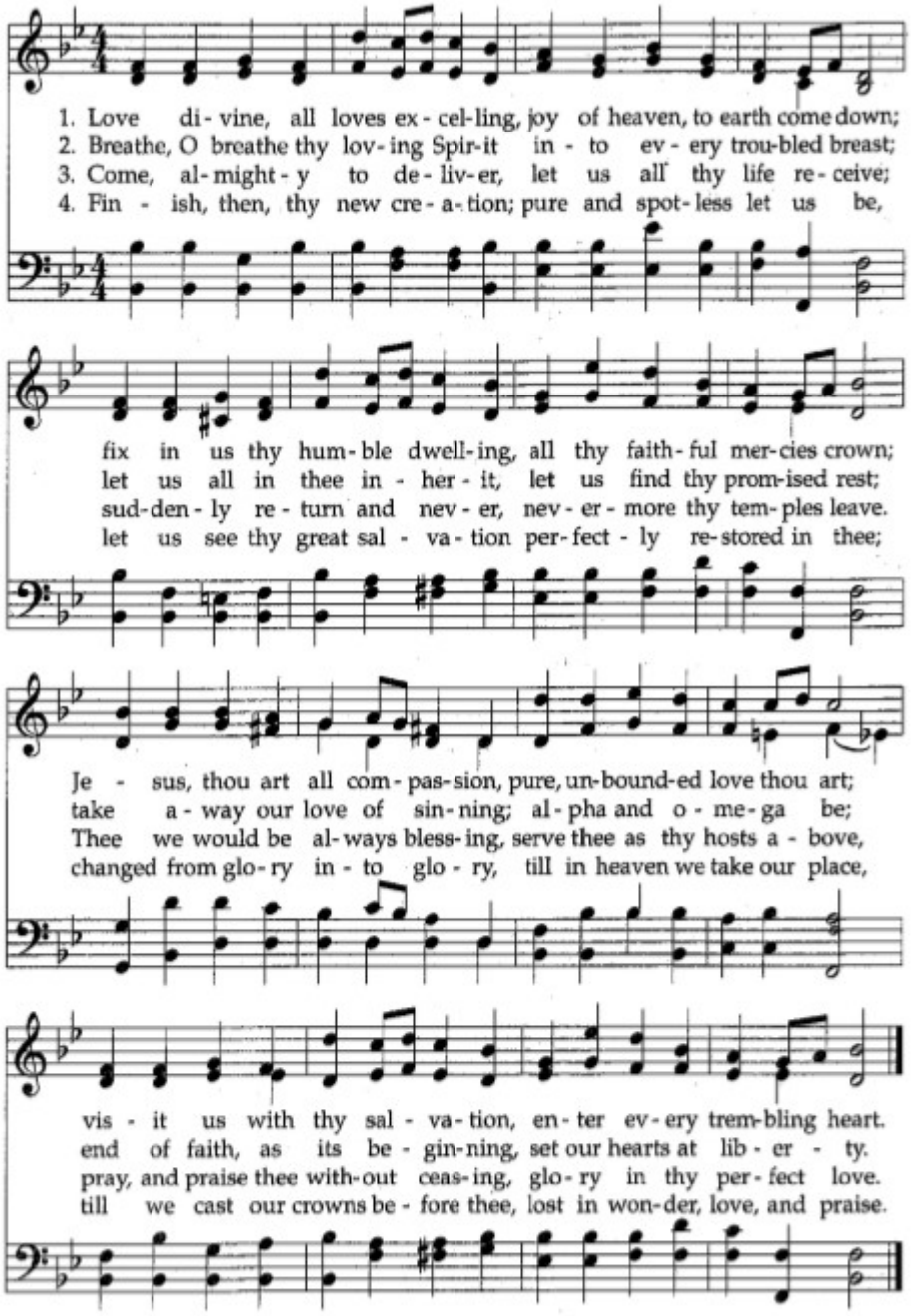

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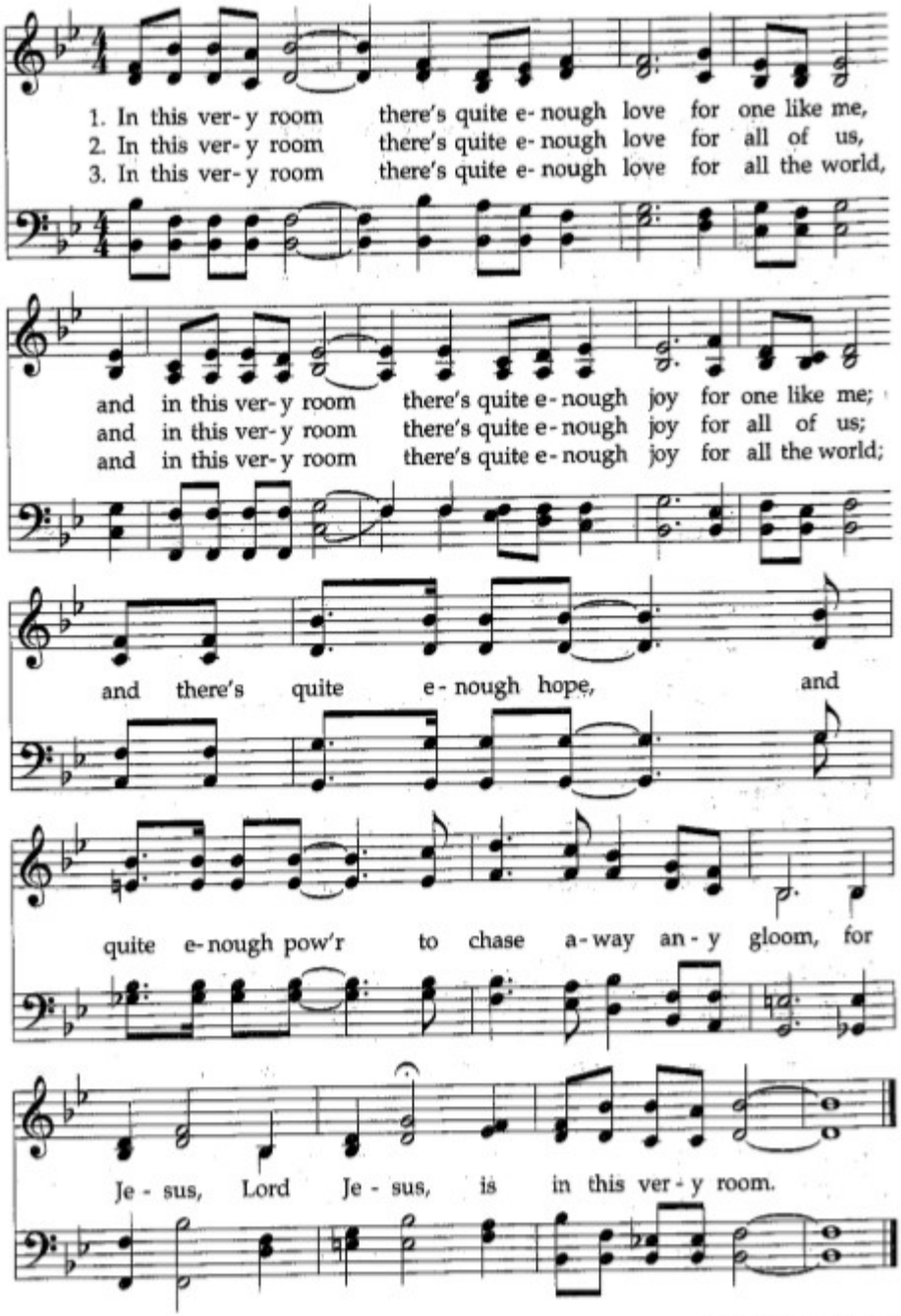

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