



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA

November 1, 2020

All Saints Sunday

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! While we can't be together physically, we are glad you have joined us for online worship today. 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)

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled bodies and our aging spirits,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and...

People: we come to be your people, O God. May we truly become your people this day in our worship. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name'

No. 92

(scroll down to music)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all our and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

'For All The Saints'

No. 637

(scroll down to music)

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Psalm 149:1-5

Sue Koza

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their couches.

NEW TESTAMENT READING - Hebrews 12:1-2

Sue Koza

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

ANTHEM

'Keep Your Lamps'

Trad. Spiritual arr. Andre Thomas

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.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Throughout these past months we have all been on a journey. Transitions have been our norms and change has been a constant. Through it all God has provided pathways for us to continue in doing God's work. The gifts that God gives us are not meant to only be for our benefit, but they are meant to help us bear fruit so that we might extend God's grace as far as we are able throughout the world. In gratitude for all that God has done for us, and for the saints who have come before us, and all that God will still do for the saints to come after let us share our gifts with generosity in our hearts.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

READING OF THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Read by members of Deacons

(after we have read the names, if you would like to add the name of a loved one who was not listed please share it with us.)

UNISON PRAYER

ALL: Holy God, on this day we remember and honor your faithful servants. Hold these precious people in your eternal heart, O God. We thank you for them, and for all who have entrusted their lives to Jesus and followed him as faithful disciples. We want to learn from their trusting, from their loving and serving, and from their willingness to endure for him in sharing his mission on earth. May their spirits testify to us this day, that we may go forward into the future owning the faith and courage we have inherited. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, and on that same day sat at the table with two disciples on the road to Emmaus and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

ALL: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, all of God's children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Leader: This table is for all who wish to know Christ better, regardless of where they are in their faith journey. This is God's table, meant for the community of God's people to share in it. This table, along with the many other tables where food and drink are being shared in Christ's name, is meant to remind us of the grace that we have received from God - and that we continue to receive God's grace throughout eternity.

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS

No. 111

The musical score for the Sanctus is presented in two systems. The first system includes the lyrics: "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 includes the lyrics: "co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or! heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!". The score is written in G major and 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The first system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The second system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The score is written in G major and 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The first system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The second system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC 'In the Stillness of this Moment' Joseph Martin, David Angerman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Accompanist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Lay Readers:

Sue Koza

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the
 3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial
 4. Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng, we at his feet may

fall, let an - gels pros - trate fall. Bring forth the roy - al
 Fall, ye ran - sored from the Fall, hail him who saves you
 ball, on this ter - res - trial ball, to him all maj - es -
 fall, we at his feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown him,
 by his grace,
 ty as - crite,
 last - ing song,
 crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
 crown

crown him, crown him, crown him; and crown him Lord of all!
 him, and crown him Lord of all!

For All the Saints

Unison

1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might: their
 3. O - blest com - mun - ion, com - pa - ny di - vine!
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the con - flict long,
 5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

1. thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 2. strength and sol - ace in the well - fought fight;
 3. We live and strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 4. steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
 5. gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

1. name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 2. thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true light.
 3. yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 4. and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 5. sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!