



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA

October 11, 2020

National Coming Out Day

9:55 am

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

PRELUDE (9:50am)

"Rutter Reimagined"
"Autumn Improvisation"
"Handbell Joy"

Sylvia Berry
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Robert Vandall

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is calling us out. Out of the places we hide. Out of insecurity. Out of shame
Out from under that which silences love and justice.

ALL: Come out, people of God!

One: Though we may be afraid, though we may be at risk

ALL: God calls us to courage!

One: Our God is a god of resurrection. Of new life after devastation. Of hope in the grip of evil. And so we dare to proclaim, with pride and faith, our truths:

ALL: We believe in the power of love. We believe in solidarity with the suffering.

We believe we are each valuable. We believe that our togetherness is transformative.

One: The world is longing for Holy truths that reveal, voices that speak real words of hope.

ALL: Come out, people of God!

(Enfleshed)

HYMN

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

No. 542

(scroll down to music)

GATHERING PRAYER

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Jilliann Larson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving God,

When we have fashioned idols of our own desire or worshiped the temples of our own tradition, forgive us. When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to others, forgive us. When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near, forgive us.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:1-14

Adam Morales

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

SERMON

Ann-Marie Illsley

ANTHEM

“Standing in the Light of Love”

Russell Robinson

LITANY FOR NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

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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

With deep gratitude for the healing and freedom that Jesus offers, let us present our offerings to God. Through our gifts, may that healing and freedom be shared in God’s world in Christ’s name.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

John Rutter

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Improvisation in C major”

Sylvia Berry

Participating in Today’s Worship Service:

Ann-Marie Illsley, Bridge Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Accompanist

Alisa Cassola, soloist

Lay Reader: Adam Morales

My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help-less soul on thee;
 3. Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

while the near-er wa - ters roll, while the tem-pest still is high;
 leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup-port and com-fort me.
 let the heal-ing streams a-bound, make and keep me pure with - in.

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Thou of life the foun-tain art, free-ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de-fense-less head with the shad-ow of thy wing.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.