



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA

November 15, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! Whether you are here with us in person or joining us online we welcome you to worship. For the safety of those around you, please remember to keep a safe distance from others, wear your mask and abstain from singing. 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The time for the harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

People: We have brought our gifts to God to worship.

Leader: Praise God for the gifts and for the opportunities for service that they represent.

People: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Leader: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

People: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'Soon And Very Soon'

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Patient God, each and every day you offer to us new hope and special blessings. From the rising of the sun to its descent, the light of your love pours on your creation. We love all these things, but we want to hold onto each of your blessings just for ourselves. Teach us to share openly and willingly with others. Forgive our selfishness and turn it to selflessness in service to you. Clear our minds and spirits from sadness to a sense of joy and adventure; for we offer this prayer in Jesus' name.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

'Just As I Am'

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SCRIPTURE

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

ANTHEM

'I Will Walk This Way'

Ken Berg & Michael Berg

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.

HYMN

'God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending'

No. 606

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Matt Howard

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Ann-Marie Illsley

Murray Kidd, Music Director

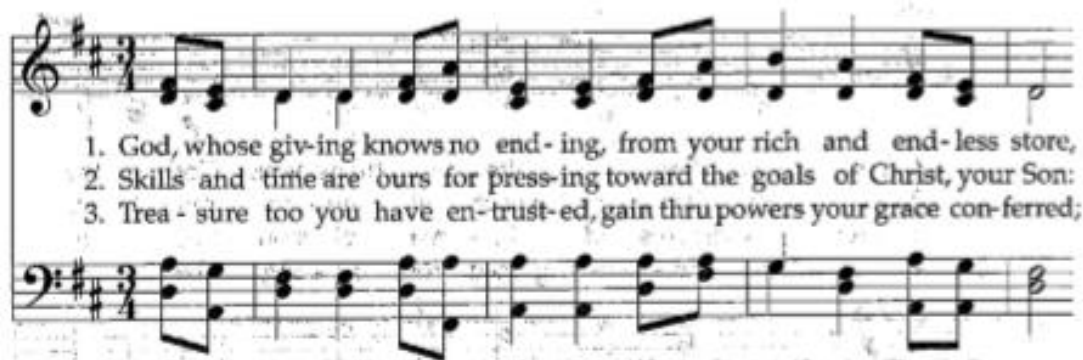
Sylvia Berry, Accompanist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

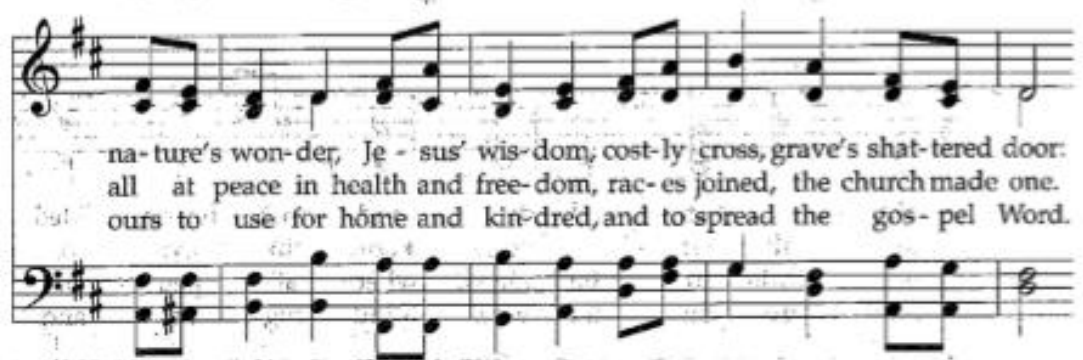
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Lay Readers:

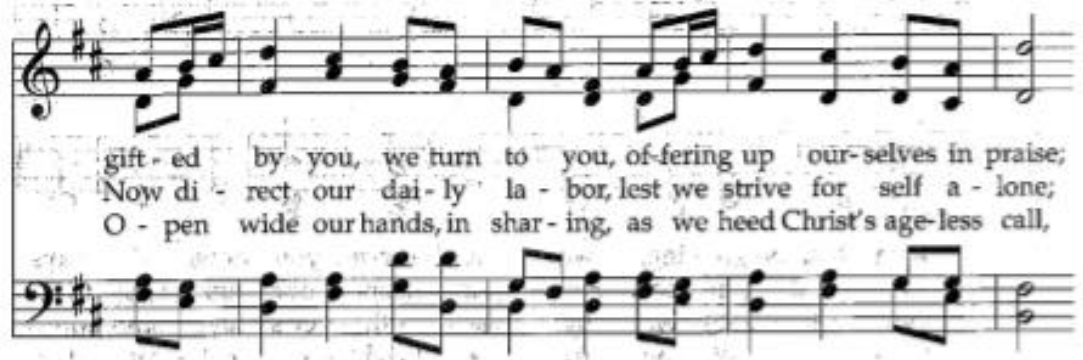
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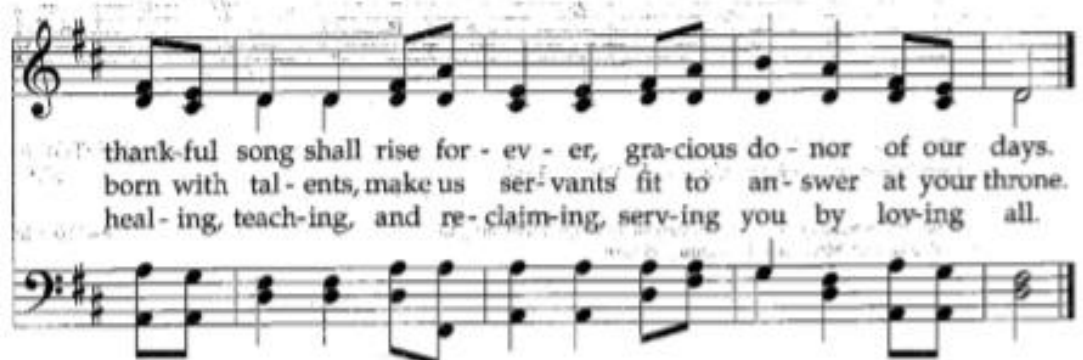
1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,
 2. Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3. Trea-sure too you have en-trust-ed, gain thru powers your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door:
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for hôte and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel Word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 O-pen wide our hands, in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

WORDS: Robert L. Edwards, 1961
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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