



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



January 10, 2021

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. This morning, we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion. We hold that the communion table is open to any and all who desire a closer relationship with Christ. To prepare for this sacrament at home, we invite you to gather communion elements from what you have at hand, some bread or crackers and some juice or water.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give to our God, O heavenly beings, Give to our God glory and strength.

People: Give to our God a glorious name; worship our God in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of our God is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

People: The voice of our God is powerful; the voice of our God is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; Our God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Leader: The voice of our God flashes forth flames of fire.

People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; Our God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Leader: The voice of our God causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

People: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; Our God sits enthroned as ruler forever.

Leader: May our God give strength to the people!

People: May the Lord bless the people with peace!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

(scroll down to music)

'Morning Has Broken'

No. 53

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Call to Confession: People of God, we desire to be refreshed, renewed and changed. Let us listen again to God's calling our names to encourage us and strengthen our resolve to be God's people in faithfulness and peace-loving justice.

People: O God, we hear your voice and we see the way of Jesus set before us. But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again to live up to our baptismal vows and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world. In repentance we ask you to forgive us. Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

Pastor Jeffrey Kardisco

Genesis 1:1-5 *(Tree of Life Version)*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was chaos and waste, darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the *Ruach Elohim* was hovering upon the surface of the water.

Then God said, "Let there be light!" and there was light. God saw that the light was good. So God distinguished the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness He called "night." So there was evening and there was morning—one day.

Mark 1:4-11 *(New International Version)*

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'My Tribute'

No. 39

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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

'What Was Your Vow and Vision'

No. 177

(scroll down to music)

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: Here at this table and in this sanctuary, let the Divine Spark enter our lives.

Many: Let the Holy Light aid us in seeing the Christ in our midst.

Leader: The Brightness of Jesus the Christ will illuminate our way.

Many: The Radiance of the Christ will warm our hearts.

Leader: God is shining upon you!

Many: And God's light streams upon you!

Leader: Open your hearts.

Many: We open them to the brilliance of God.

Leader: Let us give thanks for the light and love of God.

Many: We praise our Creator with joy and thanksgiving.

SANCTUS

Soloist, Karl Koza

No. 111

C G7 Am F G C

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

F G7 C Am F G7 C

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!

REMEMBERING THE STORY

Leader: We enter this time of communion eager to experience the presence of the Christ. Notice the Christ in the cries of children. Spot the Christ in your neighbor's singing. Recognize the Christ in the laughter of your family and friends. The Christ is gleaming among us, summoning us to share love and light as we greet our neighbors, share peace, partake in the bread and cup, and love kindness across this earth.

On the night before Jesus died, when some were plotting to extinguish the Holy Light, warmth was shared between friends. Jesus took bread. In his blessing, he passed the Divine Glow to his followers. As he broke the bread, he reminded them to eat in remembrance of him.

Later that same evening, Jesus took the cup. He blessed it and invited his friends to taste from the cup of grace. "Do this, as often as you drink of this, for the remembrance of me."

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC 'In the Stillness of This Moment' Joseph Martin and David Angerman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

God of Light and Love, we cherish this table in this season when the nights are long and cold. Through this meal, the Christ, and our neighbors, our hearts have warmed. May the comfort in our souls sustain us through winter and nudge us to create welcoming spaces for our neighbors. With gratitude, we leave here energized to kindle your love in this world. 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
Karl Koza, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

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Morning Has Broken

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black - bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm G7 C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry,

The first system of musical notation for 'My Tribute'. It consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef, both in 4/4 time. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The lyrics are 'To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry,'.

to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done.

The second system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done.' The bass line provides harmonic support.

With his blood Christ has saved me; with your power you have raised me;

The third system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'With his blood Christ has saved me; with your power you have raised me;'. The bass line continues with chords and a melodic line.

to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done.

The fourth system of musical notation. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics 'to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done.' The bass line concludes with a final chord.

What Was Your Vow and Vision

1. What was your vow and vi - sion, re - vealed and rec - og -
 2. Was this God's call, the crown - ing of all you had be -
 3. We meet you at the wa - ter and pon - der why and

nized, Christ, when you came to Jor - dan and
 come: "Go, show and tell my com - ing, my
 how, in hope that we may fol - low where

asked to be bap - tized? Was there a sud - den
 own, my cho - sen one"? Did scrip - ture join with
 God is go - ing now, a - noint - ed by your

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COMPLAINER

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