



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA

January 24, 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.

PRELUDE (9:50 am)

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to respond to the call of God's love,

People: Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.

Leader: May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

People: Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

Leader: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

People: May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: From deep within us we know of a loving presence. All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light. We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, "God!". In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in worship together, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places.

People: God of love and life, in this moment of prayer be more and more within us so that we might live more and more in you. Amen.

HYMN

'We Are Called to Follow Jesus'

No. 465

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A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred time of worship with our Beloved Community. But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience. Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

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‘Water, River, Spirit, Grace’

No. 366

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20 *(Common English Bible)*

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God’s good news, saying, “Now is the time! Here comes God’s kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!”

As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee’s sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

ANTHEM

‘Just As I Am’

Wm. B Bradbury, arr. Hal Hopson

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

Gestures of gratitude are a demonstration that a blessing or benefit has been received. We heard a call, dropped our nets, and came to this place to find new life. The gifts we give today are but tokens of the blessings of the new life we live in Christ. Bring your gifts with joy for they remind us of just how blessed we are to know this love that flows so generously from the spirit of God.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

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‘Lead On, O Cloud of Presence’

No. 633

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

‘Precious Lord’ by Thomas A. Dorsey

‘This Land is Your Land’ by Woodie Guthrie

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

¹Rev. Shockley, Madison. "Epiphany 3 - Year B, January 21, 2021." *United Church of Christ*, 20 Dec. 2020, www.ucc.org/worship-way/epiphany-3-year-b-january-21-2021/.

²Einerson, Richard. *Prayers of the People: January 22, 2012*, 15 Jan. 2012, re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/prayers-of-people-january-22-2012.html.

Guitar capo: 1; play Em

Unison Em C D G Am7 D G Bm

1. When pain of the world sur-rounds us and fills us with des - pair,
 2. We see with fear and trem - bling our ach-ing world in need,
 3. The church is a ho - ly ves - sel the liv-ing wa-ters fill
 4. We praise you for our jour - ney and your a - bun-dant grace,

Em Am D Em G Am Bm

when search-ing just con-founds us with false hopes ev - 'ry - where,
 con - fess - ing to each oth - er our waste-ful - ness and greed.
 to nour-ish all its peo - ple God's pur-pose to ful - fill.
 your sav-ing word that guid - ed a strug-gling hu-man race.

G D Cmaj7 Am Dsus D

when lives are starved for mean - ing and des - ti - ny is bare,
 May we with stead - fast car - ing the hun-gry chil-dren feed.
 May we with hum-ble cour - age be o - pen to God's will.
 O God with all cre - a - tion, your fu-ture we em - brace.

WORDS and MUSIC: Jim Strathdee, 1978

WE ARE CALLED
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Em D C Am Gmaj7 Cmaj7 Am Em

we are called to fol-low Je - sus and let God's heal-ing
 We are called to fol-low Je - sus and let God's jus-tice
 We are called to fol-low Je - sus and let God's Spir-it
 We are called to fol-low Je - sus and let God's chang-es

G D Em D Em *after v. 4 only*
rit. Em D C Am

flow through us.
 flow through us.
 flow through us.
 flow through us. We are called to fol-low

Gmaj7 Cmaj7 Am Em G D Em D Em

Je - sus and let God's chang-es flow through us.

Water, River, Spirit, Grace

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Unison

Wa - ter, Riv - er, Spir - it,

Grace, sweep o-ver me, sweep o-ver me! Re-carve the

depths your fin-gers traced in sculpt-ing me

in sculpt-ing me sculpt-ing me.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger, 1987
MUSIC: O. I. Cricket Harrison, 1994; arr. Gayle Schoepf, 1994

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Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

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1. Lead on, O cloud of pres- ence; the ex - o - dus is come;
 2. Lead on, O fi - ery pil - lar; we fol - low yet with fears,
 3. Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide us on our way,

in wil - der - ness and des - ert our tribe shall make its home.
 but we shall come re - joic - ing, though joy be born of tears.
 and help us trust the prom - ise through strug - gle and de - lay.

Our bond - age left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow.
 We are not lost, though wan - d'ring, for by your light we come,
 We pray our sons and daugh - ters may jour - ney to that land

We seek the land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.
 and we are still God's peo - ple. The jour - ney is our home.
 where jus - tice dwells with mer - cy and love is law's de - mand.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1974, rev. 1989
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835

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