



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



May 9, 2021

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! Whether you are here with us in person or joining us online we welcome you to worship. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God speaks to the heart,

People: Offering compassion and hope.

Leader: God enlivens the mind,

People: Inviting curiosity and wonder.

Leader: God awakens all spirits,

People: Fostering sacred connection.

Leader: God nurtures our strength,

People: Creating unimagined possibilities.

Leader: God calls the whole world,

People: Inspiring extravagant love.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'Shall We Gather at the River'

No. 701

(scroll down to music)

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Unwavering God, we keep asking what is it that you most want us to do with our lives in hope that you might tell us something easier. Instead, You offer the same answer every time - love one another as I have loved you. We confess that our love for others is not always what we hope it would be. We are quick to judge and slow to offer grace. We are swift to anger and resistant to make amends. We are prone to suspicion and resistant to build trust. We hear the greatest commandment, and if we are honest, we are filled with hesitation because it means

we must change. Unwavering God, in these moments of stillness, hear our struggles with the love you call us to practice.

Brief time of silent reflection

ALL: Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'Live In Charity'

No. 523

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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. And 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

It is one thing to memorize words of Jesus, but it is another thing to let those words transform us and rearrange our priorities and our lives. In these moments for quiet and reflections, what is it that God is inviting you to rearrange about your priorities? What is it that you want to offer to the Church and to the world as a practice of God's love? With those questions in our hearts we will now receive this morning's offering.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

'All Creatures of Our God and King'

No. 22

(scroll down to music)

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

¹Arnold, Rev. Ellis. "Easter 6B-May 9." *United Church of Christ*, 23 Apr. 2021, www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-6b-may-9/.

²Einerson, Richard J. *Prayer of Intercession: Easter 6 B*, 25 Apr. 2012, re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/04/prayer-of-intercession-easter-6-b.html.



Shall We Gather at the River

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will

trod, with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing
 spray, we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the
 down; grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro -
 cease; soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the

Refrain

by the throne of God?
 hap - py gold - en day. Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er,
 vide a robe and crown.
 mel - o - dy of peace.

the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er; gath - er with the

WORDS and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1864

HANSON PLACE
87.87 w. refrain

saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Live in Charity

523

Musical notation for the first system of the song. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 2/4 time. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and contains the melody with lyrics. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: F, C, Dm, Bb, D, G, C. The lyrics are: "Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,"

Musical notation for the second system of the song. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 2/4 time. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and contains the melody with lyrics. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: F, C, Dm, Gm, C, F. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in both staves. The lyrics are: "live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you."

WORDS: Latin (9th century); tr. Taizé Community
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (20th century)

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All Creatures of Our God and King 22

Unison

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2. O rush-ing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n a-
 3. O flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your God to
 4. And all for-giv-en ten-der hearts, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your

Harmony *Unison*

sing; Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O burn-ing sun with gold-en
 long, O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia! O ris-ing morn, in praise re-
 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O blaz-ing fire who lights the
 part, sing prais-es, Al-le-lu-ia! You who long pain and sor-row

Refrain (Harmony)

beam, O sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,
 joice, you lights of eve-ning find a voice, O praise God,
 night, pro-vid-ing warmth, en-hanc-ing sight,
 bear, praise God, who knows your ev-'ry care.

Unison

O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

WORDS: Francis of Assisi, 1225; tr. William H. Draper, 1925, alt.
 MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 88.44.88 w. refrain