



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA

June 6, 2021

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! We are glad to join together for worship in person and 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.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: Come, let us worship our God with joy and thanksgiving - everything in us says,

People: Thank you!

Leader: At worship in this sacred place we say it again,

People: Thank you!

Leader: For your love, for your faithfulness,

People: Thank you!

Leader: When earth's rulers hear what you have to say, O GOD, they'll sing of what you've done...

People: How great the glory of GOD!

Leader: Finish what you have started in us, O GOD. Your love is eternal - stay with us, now, that we may say...

People: Thank you!

HYMN

'For the Beauty of the Earth'

No. 56

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Leader: When we forget that God's ways lead all to the blessings of justice and mercy,

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: When we forget that God's ways lead all, especially the most vulnerable, to blessings of safety, health, and meaningful work,

People: Christ have mercy.

Leader: When we forget that God's ways lead all to the blessings of the shared abundance of God's beloved creation,

People: Lord have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE¹

SCRIPTURE**1 Samuel 8:4-11**

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots;

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'Take My Life'

No. 609

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 OFFERINGS¹

St. Paul writes of confidence in the power of God revealed in the resurrection of Jesus that must underlie a life of faithfulness and generosity - "I believed, and so I spoke." Today, let us believe, and give with generosity that God's goodness may be known in the world.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Friends, God is here.

People: God's Spirit is with us.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the God of love.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have sent your Own as the Savior of the world and your Spirit to graft us into the vine of life. In your Child, Jesus Christ, we have seen your promises fulfilled, and through the resurrection...

People: Christ has broken the power of death.

Leader: In your perfect love, our fear is cast out and now, like branches of a vine, we live in Christ and draw our life from Christ...

People: ...that we might bear much fruit to your glory.

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Leader: This bread that we have broken is the bread of life. It is the sign of Christ's body

People: It is the sign of our unity with one another in the Spirit of love and peace.

Leader: Take, eat, and be one with him.

Leader: This is Jesus, the true vine, without whom we can do nothing. This cup is a sign of God's ever flowing love, through the true vine, into our very lives.

People: Through this cup we receive God's love, which will enable us to bear good fruit.

Leader: Take, drink, and be one in his love.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

God of all fruitfulness, we thank you for giving us the true vine, Jesus Christ. We know that Christ abides in us by the Spirit given to us. Separated from Christ we can do nothing. Enable us to love one another, not only in word, but in truth and action, just as Christ has commanded us. We ask this in the name of our Savior. Amen.

HYMN

'When in Our Music God is Glorified'

No. 7

BENEDICTION¹

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

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