



**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA

# LOVINGKINDNESS

August 1, 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

Moriah Park

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of Lovingkindness shows us that compassion is all around us...

**People: and compassion jumps into action!**

Leader: The God of Lovingkindness reminds us to offer compassion to ourselves...

**People: Because compassion helps us thrive!**

Leader: The God of Lovingkindness reminds us to share compassion with our neighbors...

**People: Because compassion crosses barriers!**

Leader: The God of Lovingkindness reminds us to have compassion for the whole world...

**People: Because compassion sees the big picture!**

Leader: Practicing compassion is an important part of becoming beloved community...

**People: Because compassion walks together with others!**

## OPENING PRAYER

## HYMN

*(scroll down to music)*

'Fill My Cup, Lord'

No. 35

## A TIME FOR ALL AGES

'Lovingkindness'

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God, we confess that at times we are looking for the wrong things. We seek signs that You are with us, rather than recognizing Your presence is with us in all times. We seek assurances that we are going the right direction, hesitant to follow You as You called us to do. Help us to be brave, O God, and to move forward in faith, knowing You are with us. Give us courage, O God, to trust in Your ways. Guide us, O God, in wisdom and insight, to follow You, for You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It is in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

### HYMN

‘Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken’

No. 709

*(scroll down to music)*

## SCRIPTURE

### Exodus 2:1-10 *(paraphrase by Illustrated Ministry)*

Amram and Jochebed, from the tribe of Levi, got married and had children. Jochebed gave birth to a baby boy; she knew he was special the moment she saw him. But she worried for him. The most powerful man around—he was called Pharaoh—had threatened all the Hebrew baby boys. She wanted to protect her son, so she kept him hidden for three months.

When she couldn’t hide him anymore, she made a basket for him from the grasses nearby. She sealed the holes so water wouldn’t seep in, and she cradled the baby boy inside of it and placed the basket at the edge of the river. His older sister, Miriam, watched all this from a little ways off, wondering what would happen to him, keeping an eye out.

Then Pharaoh’s daughter came to the river to take a bath. The women who came with her—women who worked in her service—walked around nearby. Pharaoh’s daughter saw the basket nestled into the reeds at the edge of the river, and she asked one of the women to bring it to her.

Pharaoh’s daughter opened the basket and saw the little boy, who had tears running down his cheeks. Her heart burst open for him. She told the women with her, “He must belong to a Hebrew family.”

Miriam popped in then, asking Pharaoh’s daughter, “Do you want me to find a Hebrew woman to nurse him?” Pharaoh’s daughter agreed, and the boy’s sister went and brought their mother to Pharaoh’s daughter. She passed the baby into his mother’s care, saying, “Nurse this child for me; I’ll pay you for your work.”

Jochebed received her son back for a time. When he’d grown, she brought him back to Pharaoh’s daughter, who took him as her own. Pharaoh’s daughter named the boy Moses— meaning “drawn out”—and about his name, she told the story: “I drew him out of the water.”

## SERMON

Pastor Ann-Marie Illsley

## ANTHEM

from Psalms 61 and 63

‘Hear My Prayer, O Lord’

*(Biblical Songs, Op. 99, No. 6)*

Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904)

Hear my pray’r, O Lord, give ear unto my cry.  
Thou art my refuge and my hope, Thou shalt tread down my energies.  
I will dwell forever in Thy tents and hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.  
Lord! Thou art indeed my God, yea, I will seek Thee early.

My soul is faint, my body longeth after Thee  
where there is no water.  
Now I will bless Thee daily and lift my hands in pray'r and adoration;  
yea, my lips shall praise Thee all my life long.

### COMPASSION PRAYER

May I be happy.	May you be happy.
May I be healthy.	May you be healthy.
May I be safe.	May you be safe.
May I be at peace.	May you be at peace.

Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

**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

We practice compassion in our thoughts, in our hearts, with our words and with our actions. Let us give compassionately to the work of building a world filled with lovingkindness. This morning's offering will now be given and received.

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**OFFERTORY**                      Theme from Symphony for the New World, Op. 95 - Dvořák

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION



### 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 fill us with all that is life-giving. 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, 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 lovingkindness and peace.**

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

Leader: This is Jesus, the true vine, who teaches us to share the love of God. 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 the fruit of compassion.**

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

No. 111

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics continue below the notes. The chords are indicated above the notes: C, G7, Am, F, G, C, F, G7, C, Am, F, G7, 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

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!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

**God of compassion, we thank you for embodying love in Jesus Christ. We know that Christ lives within us by the Spirit given to us and teaches us how to share lovingkindness with others. Help us to love and offer compassion to 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**

*(scroll down to music)*

'They'll Know We Are Christians'

No. 494

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Slavonic Dance Op. 46, No. 8 for piano duet - Dvořák

**Participating in Today's Worship Service:**

Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor

Sylvia Berry, Accompanist

Dale Munsch, Accompanist

Dani Kardisco, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

<sup>1</sup> adapted from "Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness" *Illustrated Ministry*, 2021, <http://www.illustratedministry.com/>.

<sup>2</sup>Welton-Mitchell, Rev. Mindi. "Worship Resources for August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020." *Rev-O-Lution Worship Resources*, 23 August 2021, <http://rev-o-lution.org/archives/>.

<sup>3</sup> adapted from Myers, Rev. Brett S., "A Progressive Sacrament for Holy Communion." *Progressive Christianity*, 24 May 2019, <https://progressivechristianity.org/resources/a-progressive-sacrament-of-holy-communion/>



# Fill My Cup, Lord

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1. Like the wom-an at the well I was seek - ing for things that  
 2. There are mil-lions in this world who are crav - ing the plea - sure  
 3. So, my friend, if all the things this world gave you leave hun - gers

could not sat-is - fy; and then I heard my Sav-ior speak-ing: "Draw  
 earth-ly things af - ford; but none can match the won-drous trea-sure  
 that won't pass a - way, my bless - ed Lord will come and save you,

from my well that nev-er shall run dry."  
 that I find in Je-sus Christ my Lord. Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it  
 if you kneel to him and hum-bly pray:

up, Lord! Come and quench this thirst-ing of my soul; Bread of Heav-en,

feed me 'til I want no more—fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Blanchard, 1959

FILL MY CUP  
 (tr.)

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# 709 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken,  
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters,  
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering,

Zi - on, cit - y of our God; God, whose word can -  
 spring - ing from e - ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy  
 see the cloud and fire ap - pear for a glo - ry

not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
 sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.  
 and a cov - ering, show - ing forth that God is near!

On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and

WORDS: John Newton, 1779, alt.  
 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

AUSTRIAN HYMN  
 87.87D

# 494 They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em  
Unison

Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

Am Em

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

Am Em

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain C G C G Em Am

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

ST. BRENDAN'S  
76.76.86 w. refrain

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