



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA

WELCOME

July 11, 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

Chris Madden

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us come into the House of the Holy One with song and dance.

People: We have come to worship our God, the Creator of heaven and earth, seas and rivers, and all that dwells within.

Leader: The Lord of the Dance beckons us to join in this time of celebration and joy...

People: That we might know that we are gathered in God's holy place.

Leader: We join the psalmist with songs of the glory of the God of Hosts.

People: We seek to know God's faithfulness and wisdom.

ALL: Let us enter God's rhythm of life and follow in the ways of the Word. God will bring us home where dancing and joy will never end!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'Because He Lives'

No. 562

(scroll down to music)

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction. Help us pay attention with all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen shook it. The anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God struck him there because he reached out his hand to the ark; and he died there beside the ark of God. David was angry because the Lord had burst forth with an outburst upon Uzzah; so that place is called Perez-uzzah, to this day. David was afraid of the Lord that day; he said, "How can the ark of the Lord come into my care?" So David was unwilling to take the ark of the Lord into his care in the city of David; instead David took it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

It was told King David, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name' (verses 1, 4, & 5)

No. 91

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: God of the living, with all Your creatures great and small we sing Your bounty and Your goodness, for in the harvest of land and ocean, in the cycles of the seasons, and the wonders of each creature, You reveal Your generosity. Teach us the gratitude that dispels envy, that we may honor each gift as You cherish Your creation, and praise you in all times and places. That this day may be holy, good, and joyful...

People: we pray in gratitude to You, O God.

Leader: That we may offer to You our worship and praise along with the work of our hands, minds, and hearts...

People: we pray in gratitude to You, O God.

Leader: That we may strive for the well-being of all creation...

People: we pray in gratitude to You, O God.

Leader: That in the pleasures and pains of life, we may know the love of Christ and be thankful...

People: we pray in gratitude to You, O God.

Leader: That we may be bound together by Your Holy Spirit, in communion with all Your holy ones, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ...

People: we pray in gratitude to You, O God.

Leader: That we may always and everywhere give thanks to You, O God, for all of our blessings and giftedness...

People: we pray in gratitude to You, O God, in the name of your Son Jesus who taught us to pray saying...

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

When David danced rejoicing before the Ark of the Covenant, his joy was not complete until he had made an offering of thanks, and distributed gifts of food and drink to all who were in need. Perhaps the most joyful and challenging of all the commandments is to generosity and mutual care - to love one another as God loves us. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise.

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OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

(scroll down to music)

'Steal Away to Jesus'

No. 644

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

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YARD SALE

July 17, 2021

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

JULY 17th Yard Sale

Rent a space or a table- \$15 for CCC / \$25 for outside vendors. Bring your items to sell. We will also have an area of donated items to be sold by church volunteers, to make room for more treasures as we get closer to the Fair. Please call the office for a space or table rental for the yard sale. Office (508)586-3022

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;
 and feel the pride and joy that gives;
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,
 and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

WORDS: Gloria and William J. Gaither, 1971
 MUSIC: William J. Gaither, 1971

RESURRECTION
 98.9 12 w. refrain

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Refrain
 Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;

be - cause he lives, all fear is gone;

be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

91 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 3. O sin - ners, who can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial
 5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may

1. fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2. fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 3. gall, go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and
 4. ball, to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and
 5. fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and

1. crown him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al
 2. crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you
 3. crown him Lord of all; go spread your tro - phies
 4. crown him Lord of all; to him all maj - es -
 5. crown him Lord of all; we'll join the ev - er -

1. di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
 2. by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 3. at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
 4. ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all.
 5. last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

WORDS: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. John Rippon, 1787
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1792

CORONATION
 CM

Steal Away to Jesus!

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Refrain

Steal a-way, steal a-way, steal a-way to Je-sus!

Fine

Steal a-way, steal a-way home, I ain't got long to stay here.

1. My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thun-der;
 2. Green trees are bend-ing, poor sin-ners stand a trem-bling;
 3. My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the light-ning;

the trum-pet sounds with-in my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

STEAL AWAY
57.87 w. refrain