



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



July 18, 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**

Sue Koza

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As God is our shepherd we need nothing else.

**People: We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters, which renews and refreshes our spirits.**

Leader: God guides us along paths of righteousness.

**People: And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not afraid. The shepherd's staff comforts us.**

Leader: God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies. There, we're anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

**People: Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us as long as we dwell in the house of God.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

**HYMN**

*(scroll down to music)*

'Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us'

No. 558

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

**O God, we live in a diverse community. There are people of different colors and abilities. There are people with different sexual orientations. There are people on the left and the right, young and old, rich and poor. Yet, our church doesn't reflect this diversity. We would love others as you do, but we can't. We've erected walls built upon our biases, fears, and insecurities that keep us apart. Forgive us that we cannot love as unconditionally as you. Help us to take down those walls so we may welcome the stranger and truly be one community together. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

### **SCRIPTURE**

#### **Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

### **SERMON**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

### **HYMN**

'What a Friend We Have in Jesus'

No. 585

*(scroll down to music)*

### **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**

Think to the beginning words of the 23rd Psalm, and the words we pray every week saying, "Give us this day our daily bread." Taken together, God promises to provide us with what we need to live today so we may see tomorrow. When we think of what we actually have, though, we have more than enough. We give honor and thanks to God when we make our generous offering from our abundance.

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### **OFFERTORY**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**HYMN**  
(scroll down to music)

'Christ is Made the Sure Foundation'

No. 275

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor  
Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor  
Sylvia Berry, Accompanist  
Karl Koza, Soloist  
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

<sup>1</sup>Chin, Rev. Quentin. "Pentecost 8-July 18." *United Church of Christ*, 18 May 2021, [www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-8-july-18/](http://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-8-july-18/).

<sup>2</sup>Rev, Karla. "Worship." *Re*, 12 July 2021, [re-worship.blogspot.com/](http://re-worship.blogspot.com/).



**CCC Lobster Roll Fundraiser - July 23rd 4-7 PM**

Order a delicious lobster roll dinner and support Christ Congregational Church.

Cost \$20 - (includes lobster roll, potato chips, brownie and a bottle of water)

Order online: <https://tinyurl.com/CCCLobsterRoll> or drop by the church to order in person.

Please order in advance by July 19th and pick-up on July 23rd between 4-7pm at rear of church.  
Make checks to Christ Congregational Church with Lobster Roll in memo.

For more info contact: [lobsterroll@brocktonucc.org](mailto:lobsterroll@brocktonucc.org)

1. Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;  
 2. We are thine; do thou be- friend us; be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3. Ear-ly let us seek thy fa- vor; ear-ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre- pare.  
 keep thy flock; from sin de- fend us; seek us when we go a- stray.  
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with thy love our spir-its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear thy chil-dren when we pray;  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to the Lord in prayer!

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer,  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

# 275 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3. Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 Hosts, to - day; with your faith - ful lov - ing kind - ness  
 you to gain, what they gain from you for - ev - er

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray, and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.

WORDS: Latin hymn (7th century); tr. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.  
 MUSIC: Henry Purcell, c. 1680; adapt. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

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