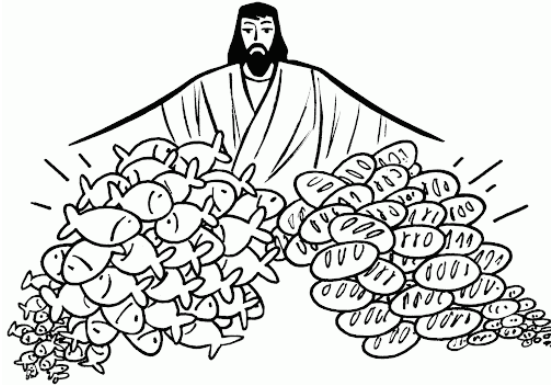




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



July 25, 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: We join together as hungry eaters to be nourished by the food that you offer us.

People: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

Leader: As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine, tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth.

People: God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.

Leader: The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.

People: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'Just As I Am Without One Plea' (*verses 1, 3, 4*)

No. 339

(*scroll down to music*)

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Great Provider, we recognize that widespread hunger is no longer necessary. You have given humanity the resources to feed all people, and yet we are selfish. While we overfill our bellies with food and lay waste to spaces needed for crops to flourish, others are crying out for crumbs from our tables. Living God, cultivate within our hearts reckless generosity, and plant within us spirits of simplicity and balance in body and soul. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

John 6:1-20

After this Jesus went across the Galilee Sea (that is, the Tiberias Sea). A large crowd followed him, because they had seen the miraculous signs he had done among the sick. Jesus went up a mountain and sat there with his disciples. It was nearly time for Passover, the Jewish festival.

Jesus looked up and saw the large crowd coming toward him. He asked Philip, "Where will we buy food to feed these people?" Jesus said this to test him, for he already knew what he was going to do.

Philip replied, "More than a half year's salary worth of food wouldn't be enough for each person to have even a little bit."

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "A youth here has five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that for a crowd like this?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread. When he had given thanks, he distributed it to those who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, each getting as much as they wanted. When they had plenty to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the leftover pieces, so that nothing will be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves that had been left over by those who had eaten.

When the people saw that he had done a miraculous sign, they said, "This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world." Jesus understood that they were about to come and force him to be their king, so he took refuge again, alone on a mountain.

When evening came, Jesus' disciples went down to the lake. They got into a boat and were crossing the lake to Capernaum. It was already getting dark and Jesus hadn't come to them yet. The water was getting rough because a strong wind was blowing. When the wind had driven them out for about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the water. He was approaching the boat and they were afraid. He said to them, "I Am. Don't be afraid."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

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

No. 91

(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

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." As we have been granted great abundance, let us offer up a portion of ourselves from those blessings in God's name. We will now receive this morning's offering.

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OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

(scroll down to music)

'God of Grace and God of Glory' (verses 1, 4, 5)

No. 464

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

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

†Lizardy-Hajbi, Rev. Kristina. "Pentecost 9-July 25." *United Church of Christ*, 18 May 2021, www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-9-july-25/.

†Fairchild, Rev. Richard J. *Prayer of Approach: Fill Us*, 1 Aug. 2012, re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/08/prayer-of-approach-fill-us.html.

†Rev. Abi. *Pastoral Prayer: Loaves and Fish*, 6 July 2012, re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/07/pastoral-prayer-loaves-and-fish.html.

Vacation Bible School – Save the Date!

The Board of Christian Education is excited to announce that Vacation Bible School is back for summer 2021! We'll be trying out a slightly different model this year. VBS will be an in-person, intergenerational experience for folks of all ages, held in the evenings. There will be three evenings of stories, art, games and more, followed by a community celebration on the fourth night. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy fun, faith and fellowship with your friends here at church! We hope you'll consider joining us! If you're interested in participating or volunteering to help make it happen, please speak with Pastor Ann-Marie or Michelle Young-Ferguson. Stay tuned for more info!



August 1st – 4th from 5 – 7:30 pm

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, but
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with
 3. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt
 4. Just as I am, thy love un - known, hast

that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bid'st me
 man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 bro - ken ev - 'ry bar - rier down; now, to be thine, yea,

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 in, with-out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

WORDS: Charlotte Elliott, 1835
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1849

WOODWORTH
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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 - cribe, 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 - cribe, 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
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1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; fill our lives that
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

1. pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 2. sail thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us,
 3. thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 4. we may be strength - ened with all Christ - like gra - ces
 5. we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

1. bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 2. free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 3. rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 4. pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 5. be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

1. for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 2. for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 3. lest we miss thy righ - teous goal, lest we miss thy righ - teous goal.
 4. lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.
 5. serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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