



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



August 8, 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: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God!

People: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

People: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you O God, my soul waits for what you will provide.

People: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning - more than those who watch for the morning.

People: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'Be Thou My Vision'

No. 595

(scroll down to music)

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, sometimes the journey is too much; we can't go on, and we complain that we are all alone. Nobody cares, not even you. Our strength is gone, and we are ready to give up. In those times, when we are consumed with self-pity, and convinced there is no hope, send your Spirit into our hearts to remind us of your sustaining grace. Strengthen us by the daily claiming of our baptism, so we may go confidently on our journeys, carrying out the mission you have given us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:1-16

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'Breathe On Me, Breath of God'

No. 254

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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.

HYMN

'We Shall Go Out With Hope Of Resurrection'

by June Boyce-Tillman

We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed,
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story
including all in circles of our love.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

In Ephesians 5:1 the Apostle Paul writes - "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The fragrance of the bread of life rising and baking among us is a wonderful reminder of the new life which is always arising in our beloved community. Let us give generously as we experience the fragrance of God's life rising in us. We'll now receive this morning's offering.

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OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Sylvia Berry, Accompanist

Doug Anderson, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

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Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought by day or by night,
 thou my re - deem - er, my love thou hast won,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

WORDS: Irish song (8th century); tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The music is a simple harmonic accompaniment for the lyrics.

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first system. It continues the harmonic accompaniment for the lyrics.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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