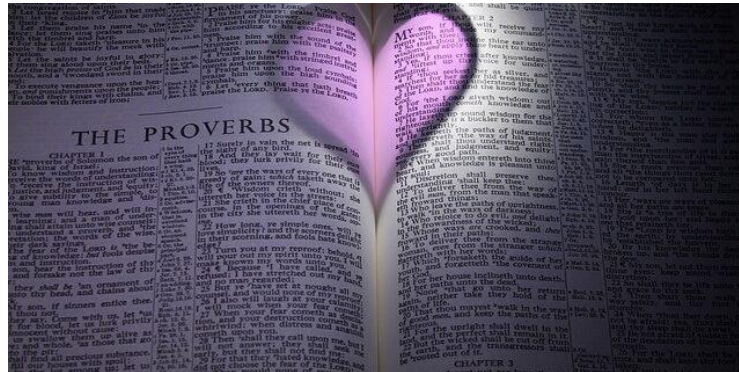




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



August 15, 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: Come into this household of God that we might all listen to God's Word and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

People: How can we discover such wisdom?

Leader: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom. When we choose to live according to God's will and plan, God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

People: God fills us with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs! We have come to praise with music from our hearts.

Leader: Jesus is here in our midst as living bread. We want to be nourished and strengthened that we may remain with him. Jesus is so close to us that we can taste his presence.

People: Praise God! Learn of God's compassion and mercy. Praise God with our hearts! Praise God!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'When in Our Music God is Glorified' (verses 1,3,4,5)

No. 7

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A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

All Wise God, we thank you for giving us this time to look into our words, thoughts, and deeds. We confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all of the knowledge that we need. As we go from place to place, we try to block you out. Even though we say we want to hear your Word and speak with you, we fail to see that we are always in your presence. We stray while seeking other gods, whose ways may be easy but cannot show us the ways of love and truth. We are afraid of being fed with the living bread of Jesus. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might live each day according to your will and plan for us and for your world. Help us to discern your wisdom that we might live eternally with you and Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

SPECIAL MUSIC

‘Amazing Grace’

Jay Sparling (*Vocal*), Lisa Sparling (*Piano*)

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

We have been blessed abundantly by God in many ways. In return we are called to show our gratitude to God by giving back a portion of what we have - which has always belonged to God. Let us respond to God’s presence among us with incredible thanksgiving and generosity as we receive this morning’s offering.

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OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

(scroll down to music)

'Be Thou My Vision' (verses 1,2,4)

No. 595

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor

Sylvia Berry, Accompanist

Jay & Lisa Sparling, Soloist & Piano

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Wood, Rev. Dr. Bertrice. "Pentecost 12-August 15." *United Church of Christ*, 2 Aug. 2021, www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-12-august-15/.

²Townley, Nancy C. "Worship Connection: August 15, 2021." *Worship Connection: August 15, 2021*, 9 July 2021, www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/2995/worship-connection-august-15-2021.



Join us for Walk Roll and Rally! Save the Date - Rally Day at 11:30AM

Grab your bike or roller-skates or stroller (anything with wheels) or just your favorite pair of sneakers and join us for this fun fundraiser! We'll celebrate Rally Day by walking or rolling around the church for 45 minutes after church to raise funds for camperships. Stay tuned for more info!

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

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Unison

1. When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o - ra - tion
 2. How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di - men - sion
 3. So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and love, through
 4. And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most e - vil
 5. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re - joice who

1. leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried,
 2. in the world of sound, as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 3. cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 4. strove a - gainst the Light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 5. have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to

1. "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 2. "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 3. "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 4. "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 5. sing al - ways: "Al - le - lu - ia!"

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1971
 MUSIC: Charles V. Stanford, 1904

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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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