



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



August 22, 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: In this house you will find bread for your life's journey.

People: In Jesus we find life anew.

Leader: Come. Stay awhile and eat this bread so you will never hunger.

People: In Jesus we find life anew.

Leader: Come. Be strengthened in God to withstand the present night and the spiritual forces of evil.

People: in Jesus we find life anew.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'Fairest Lord Jesus'

No. 97

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A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

We profess that you are God, O Holy One. We have no other gods, and yet, we do not always serve you with sincerity and faithfulness. Our "other gods" are not the ones of our ancestors - the ones beyond the River, or in Egypt, or of the Amorites. We struggle with "other gods" here and now who seek to fulfill us by consumerism and with self-importance. We hear gods who instill in us such fear of our enemies that we seek power from weapons of destruction. Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in you. Forgive us that we are skeptical of love's transforming power. We repent of our sins and turn our hearts again to you. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'Great is Thy Faithfulness'

No. 86

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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.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Our offerings are meant to be an outward act of praise to God for all that God has done for us. It is through our offering that we honor God and God's blessings. Let us be generous in our praise and thanksgiving as we release our offerings to God.

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OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

'Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service' (verses 1, 2, 4)

No. 461

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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

Chin, Rev. Quentin. "Pentecost 13–August 22." *United Church of Christ*, 2 Aug. 2021, www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-13-august-22/.

Nettleton, Nathan. *Benediction: Proper 16 B*, 1 Aug. 2012, re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/08/benediction-proper-16-b.html.



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!

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,

O thou of God to earth come down; thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry hosts: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

WORDS: *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; tr. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850, alt.
 MUSIC: *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no shad-ow of
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
 cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
 cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

Refrain

as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have

need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed—Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

FAITHFULNESS
 11 10.11 10 w. refrain

461 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of
 2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry
 3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-
 4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear

hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light in its height and depth and great-ness
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a-ged,

of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-
 dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and
 love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing
 pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to
 com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly, 1961, alt.

MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White, 1844; harm. Ronald A. Nelson, 1978

BEACH SPRING

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to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.
 Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire-less striv-ing your a-bun-dant life to share.
 Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know, and live.