



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

*World Communion Sunday*



October 3, 2021

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! We are glad to join together for worship in person and online. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. This morning, we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion. We hold that the communion table is open to any and all who desire a closer relationship with Christ. To prepare for this sacrament at home, we invite you to gather communion elements from what you have at hand, some bread or crackers and some juice or water.

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sue Koza

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

**People: We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.**

Leader: Where in the world shall we serve God?

**People: At home and school and in our places of work - in this community and throughout every land.**

Leader: How in the world shall we serve God?

**People: By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.**

Leader: Why in the world shall we serve God?

**People: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN**

*(scroll down to music)*

'God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending'

No. 606

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

**God of Grace, you have called us into this beautiful family of faith, and you have given us to each other as a gift. Sometimes we take this gift for granted. Sometimes we forget how much we really need other people. And sometimes we remember, but still fail to share the same forgiveness, acceptance, and love that you have shown us. Forgive us these times, O God. Grant us the grace we need to live as your family, and hear us now as we lift up to you our silent prayers of confession...**

Leader: Amen.

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

### **SCRIPTURE**

#### **Acts 2:42-47**

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

### **SERMON**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

### **HYMN**

'Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race'

No. 485

*(scroll down to music)*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(in unison)*

**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**

In communion with one another, let us share what we have received, knowing that we are one flesh with all humanity. Let us now receive our morning's offering.

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### **OFFERTORY**

Adagio (Concerto in B Minor)

J. G. Walther

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**



## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*\*For communion today, those who are present in the sanctuary are invited to come forward to receive the elements from one of our deacons by proceeding down the center aisle, upon the direction of an usher. Please take a piece of bread from one of the many varieties we have available, and then proceed to take a cup of juice. You may leave your cup with the deacon at the end of the line. From there please proceed back to your seat by using the side aisles*

### INVITATION

Leader: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdelene, and on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**ALL: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather around Christ's table.**

Leader: This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ more deeply, and to share in the community of God's people.

### THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### COMMUNION HYMN

No. 111

C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!  
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

## **REMEMBERING THE STORY**

Leader: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the great mystery of our faith.

**ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## **BLESSING OF MANY BREADS**

Leader (unleavened bread): Unleavened bread reminds us of all who eat their bread in haste. May it symbolize for us all the refugees who, like the Jews of old, have to leave their homes and flee before danger. May it remind us, too, of the homeless in our own city and country.

**ALL: We pray, O God, for the uprooted people of the world; we remember the homeless in our own cities; let us in Spirit be with all who wander seeking a home.**

Leader (rye bread): In medieval England, rye bread was the staple of the working class. Let it represent for all, those who work and those unemployed who seek work.

**ALL: We pray, O God, for all those who work, for those who work in dignity and for those whose work robs them of dignity.**

Leader (tortillas): The tortillas symbolize those who pray for their daily bread in Latin and Central America, places still torn with gang violence, political violence, and conflict. Place where people send their children hundreds of miles from home, hoping they will find safety and security far from home. Let this bread speak to us of all who suffer in war, those who live in fear, those who are bereaved and persecuted, and those who yearn to eat their bread in peace.

**ALL: We pray, O God, for the oppressed, the wandering children and their parents who seek peace in their lives so they may raise their children in a world sweetened by justice.**

Leader (saltines): The saltines represent to us the elderly, the salty ones, men and women who have endured, who have learned wisdom but who are fragile.

**ALL: Let us remember, O God, those who are what we shall become, at the end of life may they be given their daily bread and your Shalom.**

Leader (shortbread): Shortbread brings to mind children, boys and girls and those who care for them. May this bread with its sweetness symbolize for us all those who must trustingly turn to others to provide their daily bread.

**ALL: We pray, O God, for all the children of the world, we give thanks. Open us to hear their cry for daily bread that out of the bounty of the earth we may feed even the least of your beloved children.**

Leader (cornbread): May this bread, made gluten free, remind us of Native Americans and people of the African diaspora who had their land taken from them - and who were taken from their land - and who in losing their land, were disconnected from their way of life. Let this bread represent all those who have been forced from their homes and the land they love.

**ALL: We pray, O God, for all those in the past and present who, in war and by force, have been driven from their homes. The Jews in Europe, the people in many African countries, the native peoples of the Americas, the Palestinian and Israeli people, the Syrians and people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe. May your Shalom give us a vision of justice and healing that we may participate in now and in the coming days. AMEN.**

Leader: All are welcome at this table, for this is God's table - not ours. And in God's Kin-dom no one goes hungry. Let us pray...

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Receive the elements by coming forward. If you need communion to be brought to you please notify one of the deacons and bread and cup will be brought to you.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: You have given yourself to us, O God.

**People: Now we give ourselves to others.**

Leader: Your love has made us a new people.

**People: As a people of love we will serve you with joy.**

Leader: Your glory has filled our hearts.

**People: Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

### HYMN

'I Want Jesus to Walk With Me'

No. 627

*(scroll down to music)*

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Allegro (Concerto in B minor)

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

**The Christ Congregational Church gives a warm welcome to our new Organist/Accompanist - Dr. Steven Young**

### Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor

Steven Young, Accompanist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

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<sup>2</sup>Laar, John van de. *Prayers for Pentecost*, 2 June 2011, [re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/06/prayers-for-pentecost.html](http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/06/prayers-for-pentecost.html).

<sup>3</sup>Nelson Abbott, Rev. Mary. "Pentecost Confession." *Pentecost Confession*, 29 Apr. 2013, [re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/04/pentecost-confession.html](http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/04/pentecost-confession.html).

<sup>4</sup>Rev., Karla. "Pentecost Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, Come." *Pentecost Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, Come*, 14 Mar. 2018, [re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/05/pentecost-prayer-come-holy-spirit-come.html](http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/05/pentecost-prayer-come-holy-spirit-come.html).

<sup>5</sup>Koepf Taylor, Rev. Dr. Laurel. "Pentecost 19-World Communion-October 3." *United Church of Christ*, 3 Aug. 2021, [www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-19-world-communion-october-3/](http://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-19-world-communion-october-3/).

## Cottage Meetings To:

### Consider Our Approach to Pastoral Housing

In alignment with our congregational vote from a special congregational meeting on February 16th 2020, where we decided to:

1. sell our previous parsonage
2. set the funds from the sale aside in invested funds, and
3. allow for a decision on how to best use those funds for pastoral housing once a new senior pastor was called

the board of Finance & Property is asking all who are able to please attend a series of cottage meetings to consider our approach to pastoral housing. Dates, times, and locations for the meetings can be found below.

10/3 @ 11:30 AM - In Person/Hybrid  
10/5 @ 6:30 PM - Zoom  
10/14 @ 1:00 PM - Zoom  
10/17 @ 11:30 AM - In Person/Hybrid  
10/20 @ 10:00 AM - Zoom  
10/25 @ 6:30 PM - Zoom  
10/31 @ 11:30 AM - In Person/Hybrid  
11/9 @ 6:30 PM - Zoom  
11/10 @ NOON - In Person Lunch Meeting

## Bagels and Beliefs

A pandemic twist on our previous "Breakfast and Beliefs"

## Theological Worlds

Join us and find out what "Theological World" you belong to.

October 9th, 9-11 AM - The Worlds of the...  
Adventurer & Mystic

October 16th, 9-11 AM - The Worlds of the...  
Crusader & Sinner



For more information, and to get your survey contact Pastor Jeff ([pastor@brocktonucc.org](mailto:pastor@brocktonucc.org))



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## October Midday Music



## Save the Date for October Midday Music October 20th, 2021

October Midday Music is coming soon!

Join us in the sanctuary at Christ Church on  
October 20th, 2021 at 12:15 pm!

Featuring Guest Organist: Gigi Mitchell Velasco

Free; donations accepted for the Arts and Music Fund

We hope to see you there!

# 606 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,
2. Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3. Trea-sure too you have en-trust-ed, gain thru powers your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door:  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel Word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands, in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,

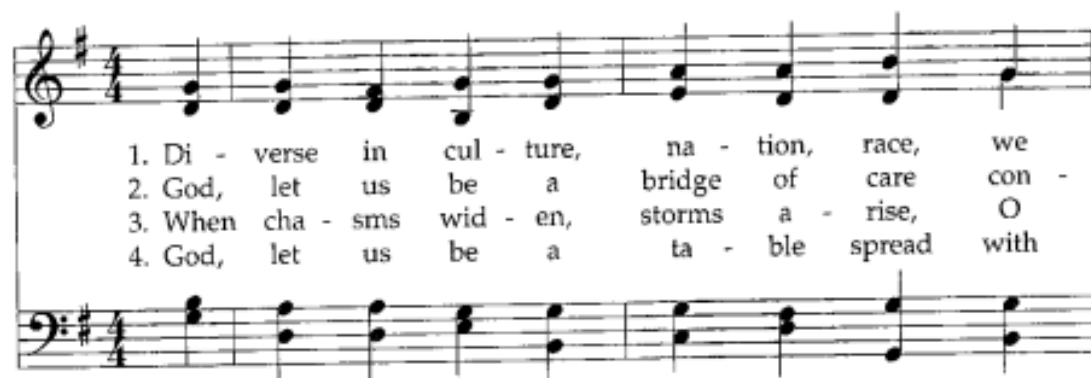


thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

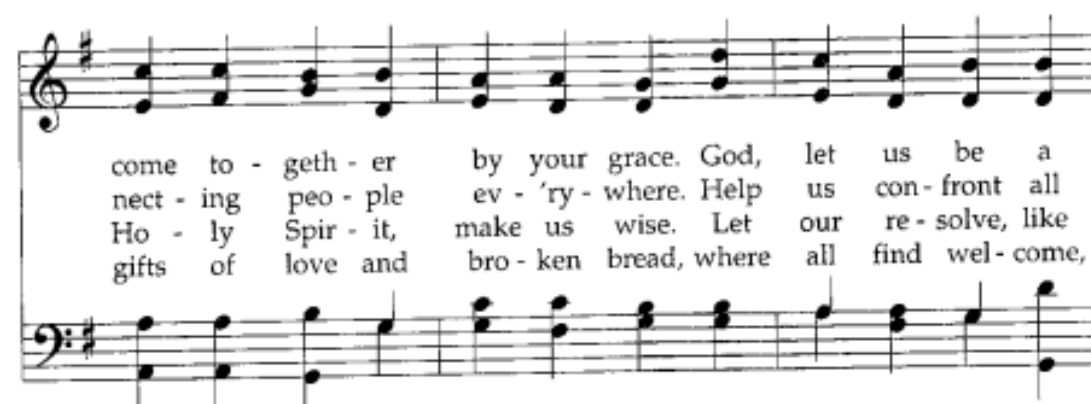


WORDS: Robert L. Edwards, 1961  
MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

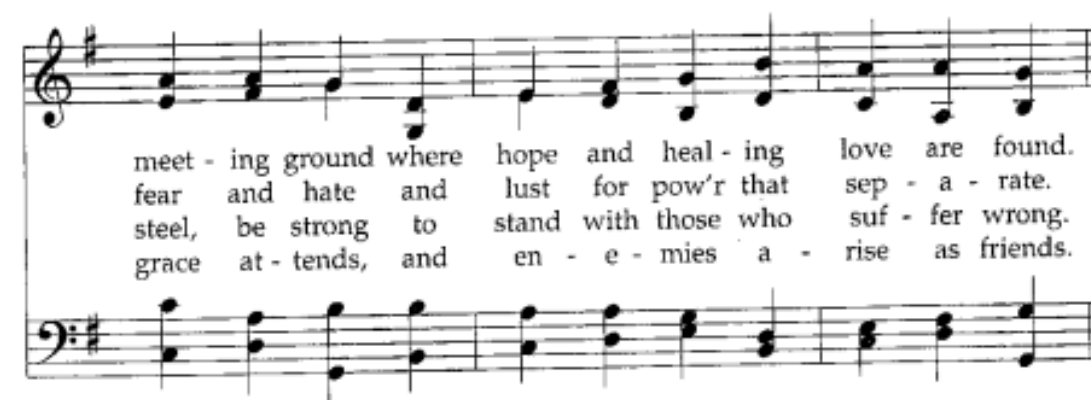
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1. Di - verse in cul - ture, na - tion, race, we  
 2. God, let us be a bridge of care con -  
 3. When cha - sms wid - en, storms a - rise, O  
 4. God, let us be a ta - ble spread with



come to - geth - er by your grace. God, let us be a  
 nect - ing peo - ple ev - 'ry - where. Help us con - front all  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, make us wise. Let our re - solve, like  
 gifts of love and bro - ken bread, where all find wel - come,



meet - ing ground where hope and heal - ing love are found.  
 fear and hate and lust for pow'r that sep - a - rate.  
 steel, be strong to stand with those who suf - fer wrong.  
 grace at - tends, and en - e - mies a - rise as friends.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1991  
 MUSIC: Thomas Tallis, 1561

TALLIS' CANON  
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## I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Capo 3: Play Am *Unison* Am E7 Am E7 Am Em

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me.  
 3. When I'm trou - bled, Lord, walk with me.

Am C G7 C E7 Am

I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me.  
 When I'm trou - bled, Lord, walk with me.

E7 Am Bmin7<sup>b5</sup> G7 Am

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 When my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 When my head is bowed in sor - row,

F#dim G7 Am Dm7 Am E7 Am Dm Am

O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

WORDS: African-American spiritual  
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981

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