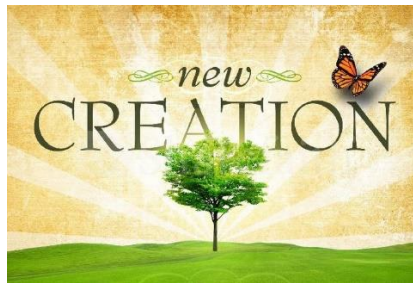




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



September 5, 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.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen - all creation rejoices, can you hear it?

People: There is so much noise and chatter, are you sure there is music?

Leader: Listen - the wilderness and desert are breaking out in song, can you hear it?

People: It's been so long since we've heard a melody of praise.

Leader: Listen - the crocus blooms with joyful singing, the very mountains join in the refrain. Can you hear it?

People: We join our voices in hope, worshipping our God who brings forth a new song in the world.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'Jesus, Lover of My Soul'

No. 542

(scroll down to music)

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of justice and righteousness, your call beckons to us - to live faithful lives, to turn from wickedness, to walk in your ways. Yet it is so easy to turn aside - to speak a thoughtless word, to ignore those in need, to strike out in anger, to forget your ways. Forgive us. Implant your word in our hearts, and cleanse us from all evil. By the power of your love bring us into closer relationship with you that we might faithfully serve you. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

(scroll down to music)

'Amazing Grace'

arr. Jerry Ray
Dani Kardisco, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'Open My Eyes, That I May See'

No. 586

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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

Proverbs 22:9 says, "Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor." Let us celebrate our blessings with generosity as we collect the offering for the work and worship of this congregation.

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OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)*

Generous God, you have made rich and poor, powerful and vulnerable alike in your image. Bless the gifts we have gathered today that we may use them to protect the afflicted and bring greater justice to your world. Amen.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst." Friends, all are welcome at this table of salvation and spiritual nourishment.

People: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Leader: This bread that we have broken is the bread of life. It is the sign of Christ's body.

People: Through this bread we participate in the body of Christ, united in our call to discipleship.

Leader: Take, eat, and be one with him.

Leader: Jesus is the true vine. This cup, poured of the true vine, is the cup of salvation for all for the forgiveness of sins.

People: Through this cup we participate in the new life that Christ offers through Grace and never ending love.

Leader: Take, drink, and be one in his love.

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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN

'Wind Upon the Waters'

No. 247

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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
Dani Kardisco, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

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SAVE THE DATE FOR:
RALLY DAY WORSHIP
AT CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

September 12th, 2021
Worship @ 9:55 AM

Walk, Roll, & Rally Event to Follow
See flier for details

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
@ Christ Congregational Church

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021 DURING WORSHIP

Contact Pastor Jeff for more details!
pastor@brocktonucc.org
(508) 586-3022



WE ARE INVITING YOU TO
ROSE CONSERVATORY

Join our meet-and-greet and open house!

September 10, 2021 @6pm
1350 Pleasant Street,
Brockton MA 02301

Come to schedule an appointment / audition for your child with Greg Fernandes!

(Open to all 2nd & 3rd grade families.)

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE

- DJ & Violin
- Rap & Piano
- Brockton West African Drumming Ensemble
- Brockton City Chorus

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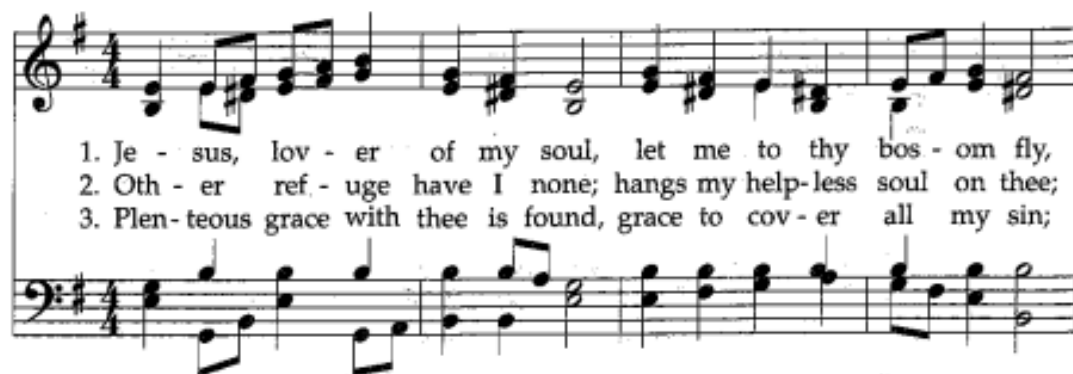
Christ Congregational Church, UCC
Attic Treasures YARD SALE

October 2, 2021 • 9AM to 1PM
1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA

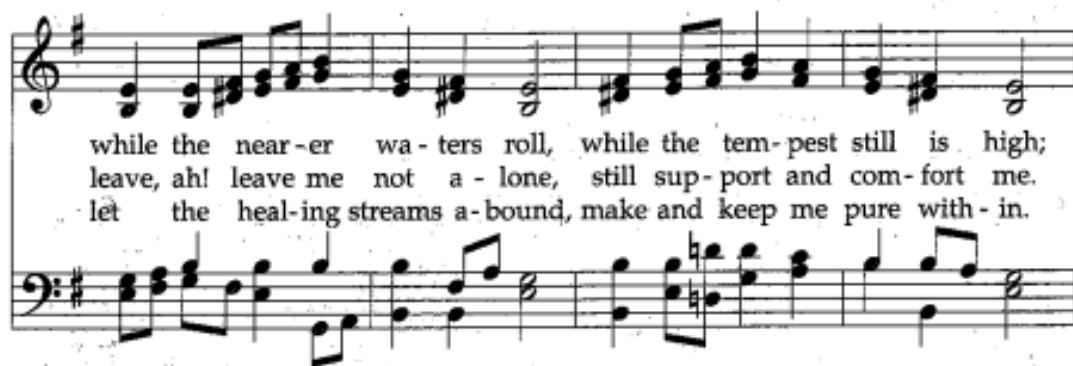
Rent your own table:
\$15 Church Members - \$25 Outside Vendors
Or donate items for the church to sell

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

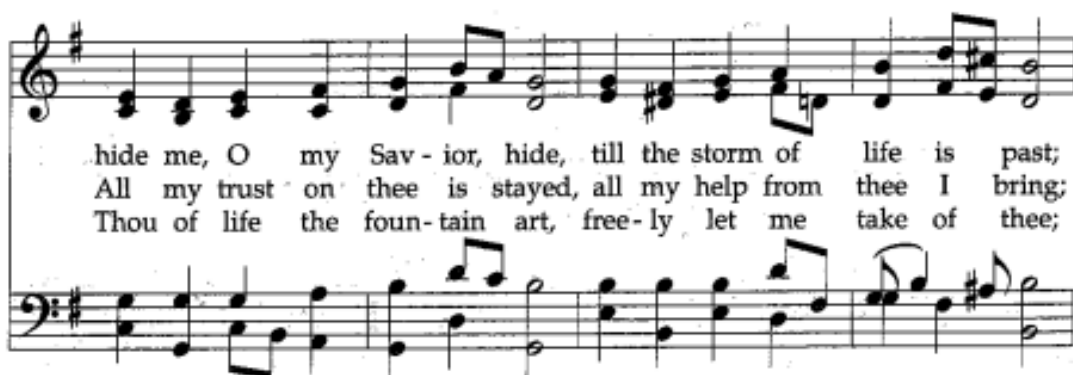




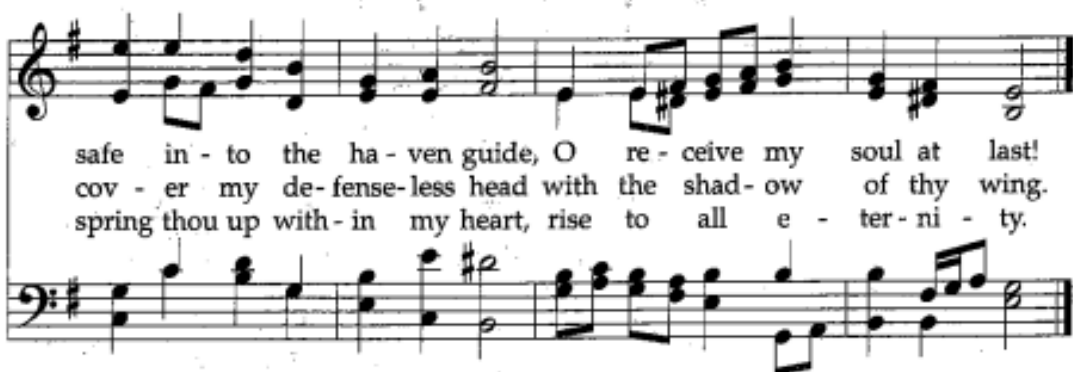
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high;
 leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me pure with - in.



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;



safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 586

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery-where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

Refrain

that shall un-clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

WORDS and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
 88.98 w. refrain

Wind upon the Waters

Unison Gm Dm7 Gm B \flat Gm

1. Wind up - on the wa - ters, voice up - on the
 2. Show - ers from the hea - vens, wa - ter from the
 3. Rock and hill and gar - den, wood and des - ert
 4. Blaz - ing light of won - der, flame that pierc - es
 5. Wind up - on the wa - ters, rains up - on the

F Cm7 F

1. deep, rouse your sons and daugh - ters,
 2. earth, gift so whol - ly giv - en,
 3. sand, prai - rie, field and mead - ow,
 4. night, burst the dark a - sun - der,
 5. sand, grace your sons and daugh - ters,

E \flat F Gm F B \flat Gm

1. wake us from our sleep, breath - ing life in - to all
 2. source of ev - 'ry birth; joy of ev - 'ry liv - ing
 3. shaped by Love's own hand, love that fills the world a -
 4. fill our souls with light. Lord of glo - ry, fill the
 5. new - born by your hand. Come, O Spir - it, and re -

Cue notes = optional 2nd part

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1986

WIND UPON THE WATERS
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F Gm E \flat D7

1. flesh, breath - ing love in - to all hearts, liv - ing
 2. thing, mak - ing all cre - a - tion sing, show - er
 3. round, spring - ing up from bar - ren ground, grow your
 4. skies, make an end to ha - tred's cries, be the
 5. new all the life that comes from you, send your

E \flat Cm7 F Dm7 Gm C/G Gm

Last time *fine*

1. wind up - on the wa - ters of my soul.
 2. down up - on the dry earth of my soul.
 3. love with - in the gar - den of my soul.
 4. blaz - ing sun of jus - tice in our lives.
 5. winds up - on the wa - ters of my soul.

Last time *fine*