



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



September 12, 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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Siyahamba'

No. 442

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus asks the disciples...

People: "Who do people say I am?"

Leader: They answer, "Some say John the Baptist; some say Elijah; and others say one of the prophets." But Jesus presses them...

People: "Who do you say I am?"

Leader: Peter answers, "You are Christ - God's anointed one, God-with-us!" Now, Jesus pushes us - "What about *you*? Here, in this moment, in this community, who do *you* say I am?"

People: Where do we find the wisdom to answer?

OPENING PRAYER

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

BLESSING OF THE BLANKIES, BACKPACKS, AND DEVICES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God, we often think that simply identifying you is enough for our discipleship. You ask, "Who do you say that I am?" and our answers are insufficient. We are still learning that we are not only meant to identify you, but that we are also meant to *follow* you. We are hesitant to pick up your cross. We are hesitant to lay down our lives. And yet, this is what you have said discipleship is. Forgive us. Be patient with us. Help us to not only grow in wisdom, but also in strength for the walk ahead with you. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

'Roll Down Justice'

Mark A. Miller

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

BELL CHOIR

Theme from the Ninth Symphony Beethoven

Ludwig van Beethoven,
arr. Frances L. Callahan

**Bell Choir Members: Doug Anderson, Carol Bradford, Donna Costa, Jillian Larson, Leigh-Ann Larson, Leo Larson, Luanne Rich, Lisa Sparling*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming our newest members: Elisha Ribeiro, Alicia Pelote, and Danielle & Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco.

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.

ANTHEM

'With a Voice of Singing'

Martin Shaw

INTRODUCTION OF GREG FERNANDES - FOUNDER OF ROSE CONSERVATORY

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

The psalmist declares, "The heavens are telling the glory of God. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge." Let us share our gifts so that we can also partake in telling others of God's glory!

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OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

(scroll down to music)

'This Little Light of Mine'

No. 524 (NCH)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Sylvia Berry, Accompanist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Lizardy-Hajbi, Rev. Dr. Kristina. "Pentecost 16-SEPTEMBER 12." *United Church of Christ*, 3 Aug. 2021, www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-16-september-12-2/.

²Unknown. "A Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year." *Discipleship Ministries*, 26 June 2012, www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-blessing-of-the-backpacks-and-the-school-year.

HELP MAKE FAITH FORMATION HAPPEN AT CCC!

6 WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

1

NURSERY HELPER

Support Tammy, our Nursery Teacher as she cares for our youngest folks during weekly worship.

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours on Sunday morning.

A Week In The Life: Arrive at 9:30 Sunday morning and help Tammy with welcoming students, the weekly lesson and clean up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Prepare and lead a Sunday school lesson using the provided curriculum, with the assistance of another adult volunteer.

Time Commitment: 1.5-2 hours (some prep time during the week and about an hour on Sunday morning). The Kindergarten/1st grade class meets weekly, the older elementary and middle school class meets on the first Sunday of the month.

A Week In The Life: During the week, review the provided lesson. Let Pastor Ann-Marie know what supplies you'll need so they can be prepared for you. On Sunday morning, arrive for worship and teach the provided lesson during Sunday School.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SHEPHERD

Support the Sunday School teacher as they lead a lesson during Sunday School.

Time Commitment: 1 hour on Sunday mornings during worship. A volunteer is needed particularly on the first Sunday of the month and occasionally on other weeks.

A Week In The Life: On Sunday, arrive for worship and assist the teacher with their lesson during Sunday School.

MISSION PROJECT VOLUNTEER

Assist with the monthly Sunday School service project.

Time commitment: Varies depending on the project.

A week in the life: Varies. These volunteers might help prepare the project through the month, assist children and youth participating in the project during worship on the fourth Sunday of the month, or accompany them into the community to complete the project.

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YOUTH GROUP LEADER

Assist in planning, communicating and leading youth group meetings with Pastor Ann-Marie and other youth leaders.

Time commitment: Approximately 4-5 hours a month. The Youth Group meets 1-2 times a month for 1.5-2 hours.

Youth volunteers typically sign on for the year or half-year.

YOUTH PRAYGROUND HELPER

The Youth Prayground is a special area set-up with quiet activities for our children and youth while they're in worship.

This volunteer helps address any needs here during worship.

Time commitment: 1-2 worship services each month

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SIGN UP FOR A WEEK OR MORE, THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP!

Sign up or find out more at
<https://tinyurl.com/Volunteer-CE>

We Are Walking

(Siyahamba/Caminando)

We are walk ing* in the light of God, we are
 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -
 Ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios, ca - mi -

walk - ing in the light of God. We are
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 nan - do en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

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of God
 kwen - khos'
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* marching/singing/dancing/praying

WORDS and MUSIC: South Africa (20th century)

SIYAHAMBA
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walk - ing in the light of God.
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ANTHEM: Roll Down Justice, Mark A. Miller

There's a voice, strong and clear, ringing out far and near, "Let justice roll down!" Like the rush of a stream, comes a powerful dream, let justice roll down, justice rolls down!

Let the earth be restored, ev'ry soul be reformed; let the healing renew, creation reborn. Here in this sacred space with the strength of God's grace, let justice roll down, justice rolls down!

Roll down! Roll down justice! Roll, like and ever flowing stream.

On this glorious day, give us courage we pray, that justice rolls down, let justice roll down! Let the vision take flight and God will delight as waters flow down, justice abounds!

Roll down! Roll down justice! Roll, like and ever flowing stream.

ANTHEM: With a Voice of Singing - Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!