



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



September 19, 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

'Gather Us In'

No. 284

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hearts open, we enter this space

Recalling how much we are loved.

Minds open, we enter this space

Receiving God's wisdom and insight.

Arms open, we enter this space

Ready to share God's love in word and deed.

Lives open, we enter this space

Being transformed by God's love, wisdom, and work.

OPENING PRAYER

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Faith

HYMN

'The Gift of Love'

No. 526

(scroll down to music)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community.

Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility.

Cleanse us with the living water of your grace.

Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness.

Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love.

Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SOLO
Alisa Cassola, soloist

'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands'

African American Spiritual
arr. Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

PRESENTATION FOR SYLVIA

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:14-20

"I assure you that if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Go from here to there,' and it will go. There will be nothing that you can't do."

SERMON

Pastor Ann-Marie Illsley

ANTHEM

(scroll down for words)

'We Are One'

Brian Tate

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

O God, you have offered unique gifts to each one of us. Teach us to celebrate and share those gifts so that we may create communities of graciousness and love. Through Jesus, we are reminded of the difference that an individual contribution can make. Let us offer our gifts generously for the service of all.

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OFFERTORY

Sylvia Berry and Dale Munsch, piano

'The Gift of Love'

arr. by Robert Vandall (1944-2017)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

(scroll down to music)

'Halle-Halle-Halleluja'

No. 41

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

1. Sarabande in C major
2. La Bellaud
3. Santo, Santo, Santo
4. Slavonic Dance Op. 46, No. 8 for piano duet
5. Linus and Lucy

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)
Claude-Bénigne Balbastre (1724-1799)
Latin American, 20th century
Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904)
Vincent Guaraldi (1928-1976)

PLEASE JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP FOR A FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR SYLVIA BERRY!

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

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

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Daniel E. Dunklee from the Dunklee family.

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YOUTH GROUP

KICK OFF MEETING!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO IN YOUTH GROUP THIS YEAR?

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST YOUTH GROUP MEETING OF THE YEAR WHERE WE'LL DISCUSS ACTIVITY IDEAS, MEETING TIMES AND HAVE SOME FUN TOGETHER! BOTH ADULTS AND YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 • 11:30-1:00



Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/B \flat Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A C G

van-ish-ed a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/B \flat Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981

GATHER US IN
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A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pass-ion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and

D/F# G A D A C G

spir - its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The Gift of Love

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1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal H. Hopson, 1972
 MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1972

GIFT OF LOVE
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Alt. tune: O WALY WALY

ANTHEM

‘We Are One’

Brian Tate

When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one. When we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, when we run, we are one.

And we shall love one another with all our hearts. And we shall care for each other with all our soul and our might.

When we stand when we fall, when we rise we are one. In the cold, in the heat, in the dark, in the sun we are one.

And we shall love one another with all our hearts. And we shall care for each other with all our soul and our might.

When we’re hurting one another, that’s the way we hurt ourselves, with our sisters and our brothers we will rise.

And we do and we try we must live or we die. We will reach, we will climb, we will rise, we will fly, we are one. And these words shall be forever within our hearts,

And we shall teach them to our children, and remember them in our lives. When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one, when we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, when we run, we are strong, we belong, we are one!

Halle-Halle-Halleluja

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Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le-lu - ja.

MUSIC: Caribbean