



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



September 26, 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

'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'

No. 25

(scroll down to music)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I am the church; you are the church.

Congregation: We are the church together.

Leader: We depend on our seniors and long-time members to remember where we came from and where we have been.

Congregation: We are the church together.

Leader: We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

Congregation: We are the church together.

Leader: We depend on our youth and young adults to ask us why we do things this way and to suggest something new.

Congregation: We are the church together.

Leader: We need each other to be the church.

Congregation: We are the church together.

OPENING PRAYER

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

(the children may be excused to their program after a time for all ages)

HYMN

'Clap Your Hands'

No. 38

(scroll down to music)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Creator of us all,

We sometimes forget:

We forget that we are not alone, we forget that you made us,

We forget that we have had help along the way, we forget to ask for what we need.

Embodied God,

Remind us that we are surrounded. We are surrounded by the people you have created,

And by the many gifts you have given them to share. Remind us of our own gifts,

And the ways we may use them in community.

Suffering Savior,

We confess that in our own struggle to survive, we have ignored other communities.

We have forgotten that they too have the right to survive. Make us mindful. Make us

compassionate. Help us to see you in one another. In your name we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

Esther 7:1-6

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

SERMON

Pastor Ann-Marie Illsley

ANTHEM

'Go Into the World'

Natalie Sleeth

(scroll down for words)

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

Having recognized the many gifts we bring and receive from one another, let us share what we have in gratitude.

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OFFERTORY HYMN ‘Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven’ No. 23

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN ‘My Tribute’ No. 39
(scroll down to music)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Ceremonial March by Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Pablo Gorin, Guest Organist
Alisa Cassola, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Koepf-Taylor, Rev. Dr. Laurel. “I Will Survive, An Intergenerational Liturgy for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.” *United Church of Christ*, 20 Sept. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-18-september-26-2/>.

²Tarwater, Rev. Bonnie. “Hear the voice of the Beloved! Service Prayers for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost.” *United Church of Christ*, 20 Sept. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-14-august-29/>.

⁴Welton-Mitchell, Rev. Mindi, “Worship Resources for September 26th, 2021—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.” *Rev-O-Lution*, 17 Sept. 2021, <http://rev-o-lution.org/worship-resources-for-september-26th-2021-eighteenth-sunday-after-pentecost/>

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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



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October 2, 2021 • 9AM to 1PM
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Rent your own table:

\$15 Church Members - \$25 Outside Vendors

Or donate items for the church to sell

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Descant

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo - ples and

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour - ish thy life and re -
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo - ples and

rac - es, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold

1. a - tion. O my soul, wor - ship the well - spring of health and sal -
 2. reign - eth, who, as on wings of an ea - gle up - lift - ed, sus -
 3. fend thee. Sure - ly God's good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 4. store thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
 5. rac - es, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.;
 st. 4 tr. Rupert E. Davies, 1983
 MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

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grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a -

1. va - tion. All ye who hear, now to God's tem - ple draw
 2. tain - eth. Hast thou not seen? All that is need - ful hath
 3. tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 4. fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth
 5. grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a -

gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

1. near. Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 2. been grant - ed in what God or - dain - eth.
 3. do, who with great love doth be - friend thee.
 4. speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
 5. gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

Clap Your Hands

① *Unison*

Clap your hands, all you peo - ple; shout un - to God with a

②

voice of tri - umph! Clap your hands, all you peo - ple;

③

shout un - to God with a voice of praise! Ho - san - na! Ho -

san - na! Shout un - to God with a voice of tri - umph!

④

Praise him! Praise him! Shout un - to God with a voice of praise!

May be sung as a round

WORDS: Jimmy Owens, 1972 (para. Psalm 47:1)
MUSIC: Jimmy Owens, 1972; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

CLAP YOUR HANDS
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Go Into the World - Natalie Sleeth

Go Ye Go Ye Into The World
And Make Disciples Of All The Nations
Go Ye Go Ye Into The World
And I Will Be With You There

Go Ye Go Ye Into The World
And Take The Gospel To All The People
Go Ye Go Ye Into The World
And I Will Be With You There
I Am The Vine You Are The Branches
Ever The Fruit To Bear
I Am The Light You The Reflection Everywhere

Go Ye Now And I Will Be With You There
Go Ye Now And Make Disciples
Of All The Lands
And I Will Forever Be With You There
Go Ye Now And Take The Gospel
To All Who Hear
And I Will Forever Be There

I Am The Vine The Fruit To Bear
I Am The Light For You To Share
Go Ye Now And Tell The Story
Both Far And Near
And I Will Be There
And I Will Be With You There

23 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en, glad of heart your
 2. Praise to God for grace and fav - or shown to all who
 3. Moth - er - like, God tends and spares us, know - ing well our
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish: blows the wind, and
 5. An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion you who see God

1. car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 2. are op - pressed. God shows stead - fast love for - ev - er,
 3. frag - ile frame. Fath - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 4. it is gone. But, while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
 5. face to face; sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

1. who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. ten - der - heart - ed, slow to blame. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. God's com - pass - ion still lives on. Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. dwell - ers all in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all our days.
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me praise God's name!
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal One!
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women's
 Center and Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

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To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a dotted quarter note A4, and then a quarter note Bb4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a dotted quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

With his blood Christ has saved me; with your power you have raised me;

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a quarter note G4, followed by a dotted quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a dotted quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

WORDS and MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1971

MY TRIBUTE
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