



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



October 10, 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!

## **RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sue Koza

### **PROCESSIONAL**

'Christ is Made the Sure Foundation'

No. 275

*(scroll down to music)*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it can judge our thoughts and intentions of our hearts.

**People: We cannot hide for we are naked and laid bare to the one whom we must render an account.**

Leader: Let us hold fast to our confession before Jesus who was tested as you and I and yet was without sin.

**People: We approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

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

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

**Almighty and Holy One, we cannot begin to count all our possessions. We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire more. We have so much stuff and, yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart. We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need. But we, O God, need your forgiveness - for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge. Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly, so we can share our own abundance more equitably. Amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'

No. 66

## SCRIPTURE

**Mark 10:17-31**

As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments: *Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother.*"

"Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, "It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom!" His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, "Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom! It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

They were shocked even more and said to each other, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them carefully and said, "It's impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God."

Peter said to him, "Look, we've left everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first."

**SERMON**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'

No. 67

*(scroll down for words)*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

**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

We should not forget that our offering should be the first fruits of our labors which we dedicate to God. Not only do we honor God by this offering, but it also helps us not to keep the best of what we have for ourselves. By giving our first fruits to God, we help to ensure that those who have little will receive something, and we who have much do not keep it entirely for ourselves. Let us know open our hearts with thanksgiving and generosity as we receive this morning's offering.

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## OFFERTORY

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## HYMN

*(scroll down to music)*

'Amen'

No. 317

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Fugue on "America"

W. Eugene Thayer (1838-1888)

### **Participating in Today's Worship Service:**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Steven Young, Accompanist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Chin, Rev. Quentin. "Pentecost 20-October 10." *United Church of Christ*, 3 Aug. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-20-october-10/>.

## 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)



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## 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

THE PILGRIM ASSOCIATION  
of the SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
and the members of  
CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC  
INVITE YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION  
FOR THE ORDINATION OF

## Ann-Marie Illsley

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021 AT 3PM

in person at  
CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC  
1350 PLEASANT STREET  
BROCKTON, MA 02301  
508-586-3022

or online at  
WWW.BROCKTONUCC.ORG/LIVE-VIDEOS  
To Be Followed By A Reception

Clergy are invited to gather beginning at 2:30 to robe,  
and encouraged to wear a colorful stole.

PLEASE NOTE: MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED



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!

### Anti-Racism Group Meeting - Monday 10/18 @ 6:30

Would you like to be part of anti-racism work with others in our congregation? If so join us for a meeting on October 18th where we'll discuss possible next steps. (in person with a zoom option). Contact Pastor Ann-Marie if you have questions, or to get more details and information. To access the meeting via Zoom please use the information below:

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ANTI-RACISM ZOOM MEETING](#)

Meeting ID: 825 7060 7774

# 275 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3. Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 Hosts, to - day; with your faith - ful lov - ing kind - ness  
 you to gain, what they gain from you for - ev - er

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray, and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.

WORDS: Latin hymn (7th century); tr. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.  
 MUSIC: Henry Purcell, c. 1680; adapt. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all prais - es we ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 that on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.  
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody

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## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Descant*

6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne still may we dwell se - cure;  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5. Time, like an e - ver - roll - ing stream, soon bears us all a - way;  
 6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

1. our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!  
 2. suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 3. from ev - er - last - ing, thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4. short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 5. we fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.  
 6. be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708; desc. Donald P. Hustad, 1989

ST. ANNE  
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A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

MUSIC: African-American

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