



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



October 17, 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!

An asterisk () next to a part of our worship outline means that we invite everyone for whom it is comfortable to rise to their feet for that portion of worship.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

***HYMN**

'All Things Bright and Beautiful'

No. 61

(scroll down to music)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

People: But Jesus asks us - "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

Leader: The cup of Jesus' own life - struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life! We may come here to get close to Jesus,

People: And Jesus asks us - "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

Leader: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,

People: But Jesus challenges us saying - "To become great you must serve!"

Leader: Why are we here?

People: To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace; to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'Gather Us In' (verse 1)

No. 284

(scroll down to music)

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

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

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

Divine Shepherd, like sheep we go our own ways. With our heads to the ground, and our attention elsewhere, we often fail to heed the gentle nudge of your staff, and your calls for home. With so many things to distract us - work, school, and the general busyness of life - we lie unresponsive to your calls to Kin-dom service. Forgive us, O God. In this silent moment together, hear the individual confessions of our hearts, and accept them together as an offering of this Beloved Community.

Leader: Amen

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

HYMN

(scroll down to music)

'Precious Lord'

No. 628

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory."

Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared."

Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

(scroll down for words)

'I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me'

No. 614

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Creator (Father) 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

Jesus came not to be served but to serve. Let us follow this example and share our gifts so that we may also experience the joys and challenges of serving. We will now receive this morning's offering.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Alisa Cassola, soloist

'There is a Balm in Gilead'

William Dawson

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

(scroll down for words)

'My Tribute'

No. 39

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

(scroll down to music)

'The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow' (verse 2)

No. 620

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata II)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

¹Lizardy-Hajbi, Rev. Dr. Kristina. "Pentecost 21-October 17." *United Church of Christ*, 3 Aug. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-21-october-17/>.

²Shuman, Thom. "Prayer of the Day: Proper 24 b." *Prayer of the Day: Proper 24 B*, 6 Oct. 2012, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/10/prayer-of-day-proper-24-b.html>.

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
11/10 @ NOON - In Person Lunch Meeting

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

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

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



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!

61 All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, in love God made them all. *Fine*

1. Each lit - tle flower that op - ens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3. The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848
 MUSIC: English melody (17th century); adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

ROYAL OAK
 76.76 w. refrain

God made their glow - ing col - ors, and made their tin - y wings,
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one. *D.C.*

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,

A C/G D/F \sharp 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

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 yourdaugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

D/F \sharp 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/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.

Gm/B \flat 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.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981

GATHER US IN
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1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,
 3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 when my life is al-most gone,
 and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
 at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain
 Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

614 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

With a backbeat G C G Am7 G

1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me
 (I'm gon-na live so) (God can

G7 C G7 C Am G C

use me,) an - y time (yes an - y time) and an - y - where (yes an - y -

G G C G B7

where) I'm gon-na live so God can use me
 (I'm gon-na live so)

Em C G A7 D7 G C G

an - y time (an - y time,) and an - y - where. (yes an - y - where).

2. I'm gonna work... 3. I'm gonna pray... 4. I'm gonna sing...

WORDS: African-American spiritual
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Bill Thomas, 1994

I'M GONNA LIVE
 lrr.

Arr. © 1995 Chalice Press

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

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

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

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

WORDS and MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1971

MY TRIBUTE
lrr.

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620 The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow

1. Like a ship that's toss'd and driv-en, bat-tered by an an - gry sea,
2. Try to do my best in serv-ice, try to live the best I can,
3. Of- ten there's mis-un-der-stand-ing out of all the good I do,

when the storms of life are rag - ing and their fu - ry falls on me,
 when I choose to do the right thing, e - vil's pre - sent on ev - 'ry hand,
 go to friends for con - so - la - tion and I find them com - plain - ing too,

I won - der what I have done that makes this race so hard to run,
 I look up and won - der why that good for - tune pass me by,
 so man - y nights I toss in pain, won - der - ing what the day will bring,

then I say to my soul, take cour - age, the Lord will make a way some - how.
 then I say to my soul, be pa - tient, the Lord will make a way some - how.
 but I say to my heart, don't wor - ry, the Lord will make a way some - how.

WORDS and MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1943

SOMEHOW
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Refrain

The Lord will make a way some - how, when be - neath the cross I
 some - how,

bow; He will take a - way each sor - row, let him have your
 I bow; way each sor - row,

bur - dens now; when the load bears down so heav - y the
 all your bur - dens; down so heav - y,

weight is shown up - on my brow, there's a sweet re - lief in
 on my brow,

know - ing, oh, the Lord will make a way some - how.
 in know - ing some - how.