



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



October 24, 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

'They'll Know We Are Christians'

No. 494

(scroll down to music)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing aloud with gladness...

People: God is gathering the people!

Leader: From the farthest parts of the earth we come...

People: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

Leader: Those who are weeping, God will console;

People: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

Leader: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

People: Let us worship God together in this place!

OPENING PRAYER

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

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

HYMN

'Woke Up This Morning'

No. 623

(scroll down to music)

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

Leader: When we want to be a church open to your transforming love, yet cling to comfortable ways,

People: Jesus, Heir of David, have mercy on us!

Leader: When we want to honor your "still speaking voice", but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions,

People: Jesus, Heir of David, have mercy on us!

Leader: When we want to live into Jesus' dream of oneness, but fail to listen to voices of difference,

People: Jesus, Heir of David, have mercy on us!

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him forward."

They called the blind man, "Be encouraged! Get up! He's calling you."

Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to see."

Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill'

No. 506

(scroll down for words)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: So many days we are like the blind beggar in Mark's gospel, sitting on the side of the road hoping to hear the sounds of your coming. We are like the Canaanite woman begging for the crumbs that fall from your table. We are like the woman who was sick for so many years who reached out to touch the hem of your garment.

People: Jesus Christ, Son of David, have mercy upon us!

Leader: Have mercy upon us when we cannot see how we will make it, have mercy upon us when we are sick and cannot get well, have mercy upon us when life hardens our hearts and makes it difficult for us to love, to heal, or to forgive. Have mercy upon us when persecution comes and when we are misunderstood.

People: Jesus Christ, Son of David, we come this morning asking for strength to get to the other side, and grace to represent you well.

Leader: We come, confident that your promise to always be with us is true, confident that you are greater than the trials we face, confident that we are secure in the palm of your hands. We come to you today, like blind Bartimaeus who sat on the side of the road to Jericho, knowing that you love us and have not forgotten our needs.

People: Jesus Christ, Son of David, have mercy upon us, and grant us your peace. We ask this as we pray in the way that you taught us saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CHANCEL RINGERS

'Fairest Lord, Jesus'

Schlesische Volkslieder, arr. Bill Ingram

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Our ancestors in faith and church-building show us the way to share the gifts God has given us with the whole community. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God with heartfelt gratitude, commitment, and praise - we will now receive this morning's offering.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

'Be Thou My Vision'

arr. Alice Parker

*DOXOLOGY

(scroll down for words)

'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'

No. 47

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

(scroll down to music)

'Bless Now, O God, the Journey'

No. 489

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C minor, BWV 546b

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Dr. Steven Young, Organist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Handbell Members: *Doug Anderson, Carol Bradford, Donna Costa, Jillian Larson, Leigh-Ann Larson, Leo Larson, Luane Rich, Lisa Sparling*

¹Tarwater, Rev. Bonnie. "Pentecost 22-October 24." *United Church of Christ*, 3 Aug. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-22-october-24/>.

²Fosua, Rev. Dr. Safiyah. "Prayer: Have Mercy upon Us." *Prayer: Have Mercy Upon Us*, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/10/prayer-have-mercy-upon-us.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
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

494 They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em
Unison

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

ST. BRENDAN'S
76.76.86 w. refrain

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yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

Woke Up This Morning

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1. Oh, I woke up this morn - ing with my mind, (and it was)
 2. Can't hate your neigh - bor in your mind, (if you keep it)
 3. Makes you love ev - 'ry bod - y with your mind, (when you keep it)

F7 B♭

stayed on Je - sus. Woke up this morn - ing with my
 stayed on Je - sus. Can't hate your neigh - bor in your
 stayed on Je - sus. Love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your

F

mind, (and it was) stayed on Je - sus,
 mind, (if you keep it) stayed on Je - sus,
 mind, (when you keep it) stayed on Je - sus,

woke up this morn - ing with my mind, (and it was)
 can't hate your neigh - bor in your mind, (if you keep it)
 love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your mind, (when you keep it)

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

WOKE UP
lrr.

A7 Dm F

stayed on Je - sus, Hal - le - lu, Hal - le -

lu, Hal - le - lu,

C B♭ F

lu, Hal - le - lu Hal - le - lu jah.

Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill

Refrain D Em7/D G/DA/DD G Bm7/A G A

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

F#m7 Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A/C# D *Fine*

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Stanzas Bm F#m/A G

1. You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2. In the pain and joy be - hold - ing, how your grace is
 3. Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4. You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

F Em D/F# G Bm A *To refrain*

peace and glad - ness, Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion: God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er, Spir - it of all kind - ness: be our guide.
 way of heal - ing, Spir - it of com - pas - sion: fill each heart.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1987

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HEALER
88.63 w. refrain

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47 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 2/2 time. The lyrics are: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

Alt. tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (altered rhythm)

Musical notation for the second system, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 2/2 time. The lyrics are: God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye

Musical notation for the third system, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 2/2 time. The lyrics are: heaven-ly hosts: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Bless Now, O God, the Journey 489

Unison

1. Bless now, O God, the jour-ney that all your peo-ple make,
 2. Bless so-journ-ers and pil-grims who share this wind-ing way,
 3. Di - vine E - ter-nal Lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si-lence, the way of give and take.
 whose hope burns through the ter-rors, whose love sus-tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom-ise where milk and hon-ey flow.

Harmony

The trail is found in des-ert and winds the moun-tain round,
 We yearn for ho-ly free-dom while of-ten we are bound.
 But wait-ing not for plac-es, you meet us all a-round.

Unison

then leads be-side still wa-ters, the road where faith is found.
 To - geth-er we are seek-ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ-ten on roads, as faith is found.

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1989

MUSIC: Swedish folk tune; harm. Lahrae Knatterud, 1983

BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

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