



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



October 31, 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

'For All the Saints'

No. 637

(scroll down to music)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear, O people of God - our God is one. Hear the commandments of our God.

People: First, love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Leader: Hear, O people of God - our God is one. Recite the commandments to your children and hold them in your hearts.

People: Second, love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these calls to love. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Leader: Again and Again you call us to care for widows and orphans, to advocate for those in prison, to welcome the strangers.

People: O God, we hear your call, but all around us we hear the cry that there is not enough for all, and that some are undeserving.

Leader: Again and again you call us to love you with our whole heart, understanding, and strength; such love demands that we seek justice for those who are oppressed, poor, and forgotten.

People: O God, we hear your call, but all around us are competing calls of worldly loyalties, political parties, and public acclaim.

Leader: Again and again, you urge us to seek you first. We long to trust the path of love for you and our neighbors as ourselves.

People: Yet we fear that our “land of milk and honey” has become a land of moral famine and economic hardship, and we wonder at times if you have abandoned us.

Leader: Again and again you urge us not to lean on our own understanding but in all our ways to acknowledge you,

People: And yet we are often distracted by the clamor of fear dressed up as reason.

Leader: As we prepare our hearts and minds in these days, you remind us to follow you so that it may go well for us, our neighbors, our nation, and our world...

People: Yet too often we forget to observe your statutes of compassion and your ordinances of justice. Forgive us, O God, and walk with us as our divine parent. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

‘Give Me a Clean Heart’

Margaret Douroux

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Now these are the commandments, the regulations, and the case laws that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you to follow in the land you are entering to possess, so that you will fear the LORD your God by keeping all his regulations and his commandments that I am commanding you—both you and your sons and daughters—all the days of your life and so that you will lengthen your life. Listen to them, Israel! Follow them carefully so that things will go well for you and so that you will continue to multiply exactly as the LORD, your ancestors’ God, promised you, in a land full of milk and honey.

Israel, listen! Our God is the LORD! Only the LORD!

Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. Write them on your house’s doorframes and on your city’s gates.

Mark 12:28-34

One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”

Jesus replied, “The most important one is Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these.”

The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

(scroll down for words)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: Our prayer today is for all who are victims of cruel laws and petty laws, those who are subjected to prejudice and denied opportunities, excluded, pushed to the margins. The Lord our God is one...

People: We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Leader: Our prayer today is for all those who are betrayed, who don't know loyalty, who fear to trust, or to love, and who don't realize that they're already loved by you. The Lord our God is one...

People: We will love will all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Leader: Our prayer today is for the landless and homeless, the refugee and evicted, those who find themselves in foreign places and strange places. The Lord our God is one...

People: We will love will all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Leader: Our prayer today is for the overworked and the underpaid, for those in dangerous work and those in compassionate work, for those who long to work but are denied the opportunity. The Lord our God is one...

People: We will love will all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Leader: Our prayer today is for the Church, for all the branches of the vine including this one we gather as part of today - the body of Christ, people of Christ, Beloved Community for whom the Lord our God is one...

People: We will love will all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Leader: Our prayer today is for the creation gifts, this earth in all its mighty wonder, yet tender fragility, the gifts of life and resources to treasure. The Lord our God is one...

People: We will love will all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Leader: Our prayer today is for the gifts we give that we will give generously and thankfully and that we'll use these gifts with wisdom and love. The Lord our God is one...

People: We will love will all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Leader: Our prayer today is for those who lie close to our hearts - those whom we worry about, those whom we miss, those who carry disproportionate burdens at this time, and for all those who are on our prayer list this week. The Lord our God is one...

People: We will love will all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

Leader: The Lord our God is one...

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Leader: Let us pray, as one, in the way Jesus 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.

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CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Brothers and sisters, Dr. Martin Luther King reminds us: "I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. You can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be." The invitation to bring our tithes, pledges, and offerings is an invitation to support one another, those within this community and beyond, to become all of what we are called to be. Our tithes, pledges, and offerings - both monetary and other - enable us to give thanks to God for the resources we have been given and enable us to be resources for others. As we give to this ministry, we help others become what they can be and we become more of what we can be. Give generously, help to plant the seeds, and watch the miracles of God unfold in our lives and our ministry together.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

'In the Stillness of This Moment'

*DOXOLOGY

'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'

No. 47

(scroll down for words)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, O God, for the gifts of your people. Help us that we rely not on our own understanding in the use of these gifts, but to seek your wisdom. Knowing that as we do, your divine vision will be revealed and your people near and far will be blessed. Amen.

HYMN

'The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow'

No. 620

(scroll down to music)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro giocoso (*Sept improvisations*, Opus 150)

Camille Saint-Saëns
(1835-1921)

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

¹Jackson, Rev. Dr. Cari. "Pentecost 23-October 31." *United Church of Christ*, 3 Aug. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-23-october-31/>.

²Macdonald, Rev. Iain. "Prayers of the People: We Will Love." *Prayers of the People: We Will Love*, 24 Oct. 2012, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/10/prayers-of-people-we-will-love.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

All Saints Sunday At Christ Congregational UCC

Worship In Person & Online @ 9:55 AM

To access online worship go to:

<https://brocktonucc.org/live-videos/>

Send names to be read during worship
by November 4th



Call: 508-586-3022

E-mail: office@brocktonucc.org

-OR-

pastor@brocktonucc.org

SECOND SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP
AT CHRIST CHURCH

ALL CHURCH GAME AND SUNDAE NIGHT

November 13 6-8pm

Christ Congregational Church

BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOARD OR CARD GAME!

ALL AGES WELCOME.

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN AS A BELOVED
COMMUNITY!

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 INSTALLATION OF

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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

ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT - SAVE THE DATE NOV. 28TH

After completing the work of installing our organ's choir division this past spring we will take an opportunity to gather and celebrate, and to dedicate our organ in prayer and worship. The concert will take place at 3:00 PM on November 28th, and more details will be forthcoming as the planning team does their work.

For All the Saints

Unison

1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might: their
 3. O - blest com - mun - ion, com - pa - ny di - vine!
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the con - flict long,
 5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

1. thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 2. strength and sol - ace in the well - fought fight;
 3. We live and strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 4. steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
 5. gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

1. name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 2. thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true light.
 3. yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 4. and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 5. sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: William W. How, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
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Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

WORDS: James Weldon Johnson, 1921
 MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

LIFT EVERY VOICE
 arr.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

My Lord, What a Morning

708

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Fine

Verses

1. You'll hear the trum-pet sound, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,
2. You'll hear the sin-ner moan, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,
3. You'll hear the Chris-tian shout, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,

Response *D.C.*

look-ing to my God's right hand,
 look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.
 look-ing to my God's right hand,

WORDS: African-American spiritual
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; refrain harm. Verolga Nix, 1981;
 verse and response harm. Larry Slvis, 1993

BURLEIGH
 arr.

47 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/2. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the upper staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

Alt. tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (altered rhythm)

God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The upper staff shows the vocal line with lyrics: "God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye". The lower staff provides the harmonic accompaniment.

heaven - ly hosts: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The upper staff has lyrics: "heaven - ly hosts: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The lower staff provides the accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

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.