



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



November 7, 2021

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! We are glad to join together for worship in person and online. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. This morning, we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion. We hold that the communion table is open to any and all who desire a closer relationship with Christ. To prepare for this sacrament at home, we invite you to gather communion elements from what you have at hand, some bread or crackers and some juice or water.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

HYMN

'For All The Saints'

No. 637

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled bodies and our aging spirits,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and...

People: we come to be your people, O God. May we truly become your people this day in our worship. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all our and know our own way, only to stumble

and stray so far. Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

'Take My Life'

No. 609

(scroll down to music)

SCRIPTURE

John 11:32-44

When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They replied, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to cry. The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But some of them said, "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said, "Remove the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, "Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days."

Jesus replied, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?" So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me." Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

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

No. 614

PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: O God, who always listens to us, who breathes new life into us...

People: Call us forward to resurrection.

Leader: We are surrounded by a world of dry bones, a world of death and despair, a world where we lose hope in our structures, ourselves, and you. We pray for this world in need of your Word - for all the people in it, for those who lay down their lives, and for those who lead...

SILENT REFLECTION

Leader: O God, who always listens to us, who breathes new life into us...

People: Call us forward to resurrection.

Leader: We are surrounded by people with dried up lives, people unable to see your life past their tears. We pray for this world in need of your healing presence - for those who are imprisoned or alone, those who are ill or infirm, or grieving, and we especially pray for those who are closest to our hearts...

SILENT REFLECTION

Leader: O God, who always listens to us, who breathes new life into us...

People: Call us forward to resurrection.

Leader: Call us to follow in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who taught us when we pray to say...

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

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

God has made us stewards of the rich resources that were given in Creation and are given anew each day. On this day, we make our offerings knowing that all that we have has come from God who will continue to provide. Let us put our hearts into our offerings as signs of our trust and faithfulness. We'll now receive this morning's offering.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

'Soon and Very Soon'

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

During this time members of the Deacons will read the names of those who have died in the past year. After each name is read a bell will be rung one time. After the reading of the names the congregation will join together in saying the prayer below.

Holy God, on this day we remember and honor your faithful servants. Hold these precious people in your eternal heart, O God. We thank you for them, and for all who have entrusted their lives to Jesus and followed him as faithful disciples. We want to learn from their trusting, from their loving and serving, and from their willingness to endure for him in sharing his mission on earth. May their spirits testify to us this day, that we may go forward into the future owning the faith and courage we have inherited. Amen.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, and on that same day sat at the table with two disciples on the road to Emmaus and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

ALL: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, all of God's children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Leader: This table is for all who wish to be fed, regardless of where they are in their faith journey. This is God's table, meant for the community of God's people to share in it. This table, along with the many other tables where food and drink are being shared in Christ's name, is meant to remind us of the grace that we have received from God - and that we continue to receive God's grace throughout eternity.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit we offer ourselves to you as we receive, once again, your grace through simple elements of bread and cup. Amen.

REMEMBERING THE STORY

Leader: On the night that he was betrayed Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body given for you"

After supper Jesus took a cup, gave thanks for it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we boldly proclaim the great mystery of our faith,

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

'A Place at the Table'

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

ALL: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN
(scroll down to music)

'In the Bulb There Is a Flower'

No. 638

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro con brio (Sonata IV)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

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²Wood, Rev. Dr. Beatrice. "Pentecost 24-November 7." *United Church of Christ*, 3 Aug. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-24-november-7/>.

³Author, Unknown. "Service of Word and Sacrament II." *Book of Worship*, United Church of Christ, Office for Church Life and Leadership, New York, 1986, pp. 55–76.

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

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

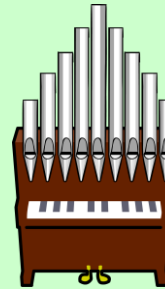
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or online at
WWW.BROCKTONUCC.ORG/LIVE-VIDEOS

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 labors rest, who
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: their
 3. O blest communion, communion divine!
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
 5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through

1. thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 2. strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
 3. We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
 4. steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 5. gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

1. name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 2. thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.
 3. yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 4. and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 5. singing to Father, Son, and Holy 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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1. Take my life, and let it be con-se-crath-ed, Lord, to thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing; un-to God my praise I bring.
 4. Take my sil-ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;
 5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no lon-ger mine.
 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea-sure store.



1. Take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in
 2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau-ti-
 3. Take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sa-
 4. Take my in-tel-lect, and use ev-ery power as
 5. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy
 6. Take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly,



1. cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
 2. ful for thee, swift and beau-ti-ful for thee.
 3. ges from thee, filled with mes-sa-ges from thee.
 4. thou shalt choose, ev-ery power as thou shalt choose.
 5. roy-al throne, it shall be thy roy-al throne.
 6. all for thee, ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1874
 MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

HENDON
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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
Arr. © 1995 Chalice Press

I'M GONNA LIVE
Irr.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 638

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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