



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



**November 21, 2021**

**9:55 am**

### **Reign Of Christ Sunday**

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

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: With grateful hearts, we gather to worship,

**People: We give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: With open minds, we listen to the needs of others,

**People: We give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: With outstretched hands, we serve one another,

**People: We give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: With all our being, we follow Jesus Christ,

**All: And we give God thanks and praise.**

#### **INTROIT**

'O Jesus, King Most Wonderful'

CHRISTIAN LYRE,  
arr. David Hogan

O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned! O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found.

O Jesus, light of all below, the fount of life and fire, surpassing all the joys we know, all that we desire.

When once you visit darken'd hearts, then truth begins to shine, then earthly vanity departs then kindles love divine.

You may our tongues forever bless; you may we love alone and ever in our lives express the image of your own!

May ev'ry heart confess your name, forever you adore, and, seeking you, itself inflame to seek you more and more.

## **A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

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

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal Monarch,

You who rule over all of us with justice and care,

We your people confess that we do not submit ourselves to your rule,

That we do not always participate in your reign of equity and integrity,

That we have not followed the example you set forth.

Instead we often place our trust in leaders who let us down,

And in our own flawed leadership of others.

**Lead us, Christ our Sovereign,**

**And set us on the path to righteous rule in all that we do. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

### **HYMN**

'Rejoice, the Lord is King!'

No. 699

*(scroll down for words)*

## **SCRIPTURE**

### **John 18:33-37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

## **SERMON**

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley

## **ANTHEM**

'River in Judea'

Marcus Feldman,  
arr. John Leavitt

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.

Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on.

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.

And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.

May the time not be too distant, when we meet by the river shore.

'Till then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more:

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.

And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.



## RECOGNITION OF TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

### Reading of the Names

### Prayer for National Transgender Day of Remembrance

God of All Compassion, we come today for the/on this Transgender Day of Remembrance to remember all gender diverse people who have been persecuted, discriminated against, suffered hate crime, have been murdered or have taken their own lives because of the rejection they face. Help us today to understand the things we may not understand. Help us to bring love and not hate. Help us to rejoice in the diversity that humanity creates. God of all genders and none, Source of our glorious difference and true harmony, Bearer of all pain and Spirit of transformation, we give you thanks that you have created us in your own image, in the many-splendoured forms of our human diversity. Hear us as we remember and affirm gender diverse people. Transform the violence, pain and struggles of the past and present, bring new life out of death, hopelessness and despair, and empower us with your grace, strength and joy. May we be like kingfishers catching fire, dragonflies drawing flame, beautiful butterflies shining with your love. In the name of Christ incarnate in a thousand places, and more. Amen

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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.**

### CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Christ our sovereign and servant sets forth a just and compassionate domain in which the needs of the vulnerable and the powerful hang in righteous balance. Let us share what we have as we work toward Christ's reign here on earth.

[www.brocktonucc.org/donate/](http://www.brocktonucc.org/donate/)

### CHANCEL RINGERS

'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come'

George J. Elvey,  
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### HYMN

*(scroll down to music)*

'Of the Father's Love Begotten'

No. 104

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name'

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

### Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley  
Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor  
Murray Kidd, Music Director  
Dr. Steven Young, Organist  
Alisa Cassola, Soloist  
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

&

Chancel Ringers:

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

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<sup>2</sup>Koepf Taylor, Rev. Dr. Laurel. "Just Rule, An Intergenerational Liturgy for Reign of Christ Sunday." United Church of Christ, 15 Nov. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/reign-of-christ-november-21/>.

<sup>3</sup>Inkpin, Jo. "A Liturgy for the Transgender Day of Remembrance." Transspirit, Nov. 2021, [https://www.transspirit.org/uploads/2/5/8/6/25866243/a\\_liturgy\\_for\\_the\\_transgender\\_day\\_of\\_remembrance.pdf](https://www.transspirit.org/uploads/2/5/8/6/25866243/a_liturgy_for_the_transgender_day_of_remembrance.pdf)

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## *Organ Dedication Concert*

*Christ Congregational, UCC*

November 28th, 2021

3:00 PM

*Reception to follow*



## The December Holiday Calendar Raffle Fundraiser From Christ Congregational Church, UCC

All drawings will be in December 2021  
Two Drawings Each Day; Three Draw  
Thursdays!!

Tickets are on sale now!  
Please Help Us Sell Tickets throughout  
November

Tickets are \$10 and the Purchaser receives December  
calendar for the fridge,  
as well as a Ticket for the chance to win a Gift Card  
each day throughout December.

**ARTISANS' HOLIDAY  
FAIR**

**UNIQUE LOCALLY MADE ART & CRAFTS**

**Saturday, December 11, 2021**

Come shop for your holiday gifts of homemade Art & Crafts

We are welcoming new artists and crafters to participate.  
Rent your own table (\$15 Church Members - \$25 Outside Artists)

For more information please contact:

Christ Congregational Church  
1350 Pleasant Street  
Brockton, MA 02301  
(508)586-3022

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](http://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

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

*Descant*

3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, our Judge, shall come

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! The ris - en Christ a - dore!  
 2. God's reign can nev - er fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, our Judge, shall come

to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home:

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ev - er - more:  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given:  
 to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home:

lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

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 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney H. Nicholson, c. 1945

DARWALL'S 148th  
 66.66.88

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Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Of the Father's Love Begotten  
(Of Eternal Love Begotten)

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1. Of the Fa-ther's love be-got - ten,\* ere the worlds be-gan to be,  
2. O ye heights of heaven sing prais-es; an-gels and arch-an-gels sing!  
3. Christ, to thee with God Cre-a - tor, and O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

Christ is Al-pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he!  
And on earth let all the faith - ful now your joy - ous an - thems ring,  
hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un-wea-ried prais - es be:

Of the things that are, that have been, and that fu-ture years shall see,  
ev'-ry tongue Christ's name con-fess - ing, count-less voic-es an - swer-ing,  
Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter-nal vic - to - ry,

ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

\*Of eternal love begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM  
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Neale, 1854, and Henry W. Baker, 1859, alt.; st. 2 tr. R. F. Davis, 1906, alt.  
MUSIC: Plainsong, Mode V (13th century); harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940

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