



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



January 9, 2022

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! While we can't be together physically, we are glad to join together for worship online. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: We have seen the star in the sky and have come to worship the Christ Child.

Leader: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: The star is resting over Bethlehem, and we come rejoicing, overwhelmed with joy. Let us bring the gift of our hearts and the gift of our lives to worship our God of light and everlasting love.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'We Three Kings'

No. 172

(scroll down to music)

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God, you have come to meet us where we are. And while we are filled with awe and joy and gratitude at your incredible love for us there are times when we are drawn away from your light. We may feel inadequate, unworthy, or less than perfect. We forget that we are your children, your beloved ones, and that you reach out for us even when we turn away from you. Forgive us, O God. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise! Shine! Your light has come;
the Lord's glory has shone upon you.
Though darkness covers the earth
and gloom the nations,
the Lord will shine upon you;
God's glory will appear over you.
Nations will come to your light
and kings to your dawning radiance.
Lift up your eyes and look all around:
they are all gathered; they have come to you.
Your sons will come from far away,
and your daughters on caregivers' hips.
Then you will see and be radiant;
your heart will tremble and open wide,
because the sea's abundance will be turned over to you;
the nations' wealth will come to you.
Countless camels will cover your land,
young camels from Midian and Ephah.
They will all come from Sheba,
carrying gold and incense,
proclaiming the Lord's praises.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'Sing of God Made Manifest'

No. 176

(scroll down for words)

INTRODUCTION TO STAR WORDS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

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.

HYMN

'There's a Song In the Air'

No. 159

(scroll down for words)

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

As the Magi of old, guided by a star in the night sky, brought gifts of homage and gratitude - so too we offer our gifts to God today. Every good gift is from God, and every gift can be *used* by God - so let us offer back to God in gratitude for all that God has done for us.

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OFFERTORY HYMN <i>(scroll down for words)</i>	'Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song'	No. 245
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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
HYMN <i>(scroll down to music)</i>	'What Was Your Vow and Vision'	No. 177
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor
 Murray Kidd, Music Director
 Ralph Fisher, Organist
 Alisa Cassola, Soloist
 David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Gline-Allen, Debbie. "Festival of Epiphany Year C." *United Church of Christ*, 29 Nov. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/festival-of-epiphany-year-c/>.

²Passmore, Richard. "Prayer: In Darkness and Light." *Prayer: In Darkness and Light*, 19 Aug. 2013, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/prayer-in-darkness-and-light.html>.

[WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM SIGNUP - Help Us To Plan Lent!](#)

Have you ever wondered how worship gets planned? Are you an experienced worship planner who sometimes wishes you could flex your creative muscles again, but only for a season? Are you generally creative? Do you love worshipping with our Beloved Community here at Christ Congregational Church?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions you should consider signing up for our first worship planning team at Christ Congregational Church! The idea is simple - a group of folks from our congregation get together to plan worship, with Pastor Jeff, for the season of Lent. Then, when the season is over, their work is over. The team will begin meeting some time in mid to late January, and we will plan to meet somewhere between 3-5 times in order to get worship planned.

ANYONE can join in this work - and so we hope you'll join us! To add your name to the team [CLICK HERE](#) and sign up.

All: 1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 Opt. Solo: 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 Opt. Solo: 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 Opt. Solo: 4. Myrrh is - mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 All: 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; Christ and

1. gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2. bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 3. owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4. life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5. God and sac - ri - fice: al - le - lu - ia,

1. moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2. ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 3. voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 4. bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5. al - le - lu - ia; sounds through the earth - and skies.

Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

WORDS and MUSIC: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857

KINGS OF ORIENT
88.446 w. refrain

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

1. Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2. Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3. Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4. Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the Law and Prop - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heav - en a dou - ble sign— dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love - re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 toward the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

MUSIC: Jacob Hintze, 1678; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (18th century)

SALZBURG

77.77D

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1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
 2. There's a tu - mult of joy o'er the won - der - ful birth,
 3. We re - joice in the light, and we ech - o the song

There's a moth - er's deep prayer and a ba - by's low cry!
 for the Vir - gin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
 that comes down through the night from the heav - en - ly throng,

And the star rains its fire while the an - gel choirs sing,
 See, the star rains its fire while the an - gel choirs sing,
 and we wel - come the glo - ri - ous gos - pel they bring,

for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a king!
 for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a king!
 and we greet in the cra - dle our sav - ior and king.

WORDS: Josiah G. Holland, 1879, alt.
 MUSIC: Karl P. Harrington, 1904

CHRISTMAS SONG
 66.66.12 12

245 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Unison

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1981
 MUSIC: Peter Cutts, 1968

BRIDEGROOM
 87.87.6

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flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

155 Angels We Have Heard on High

Descant

4. See with - in a man - ger laid, Christ, whom choirs of

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ, who comes in
 4. See with - in a man - ger laid, Christ, whom choirs of

an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,
 o'er the plains, and the moun - tains in re - ply
 strains pro - long? What the glad - some tid - ings be
 low - ly birth. Come a - dore on bend - ed knee
 an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,

Refrain

while our hearts in love we raise. Ah!

ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 which in - spire your heav'n - ly song? Glo - - -
 Je - sus, joy of heav'n and earth.
 while our hearts in love we raise.

WORDS: Traditional French carol; tr. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862, alt.
 MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937;
 harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964, alt.; desc. Richard E. Gerig, 1956

GLORIA
 77.77 w. refrain

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Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Ah!

ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

177 What Was Your Vow and Vision

1. What was your vow and vi - sion, re - vealed and rec - og -
 2. Was this God's call, the crown - ing of all you had be -
 3. We meet you at the wa - ter and pon - der why and

nized, Christ, when you came to Jor - dan and
 come: "Go, show and tell my com - ing, my
 how, in hope that we may fol - low where

asked to be bap - tized? Was there a sud - den
 own, my cho - sen one"? Did scrip - ture join with
 God is go - ing now, a - noint - ed by your

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1975, rev. 1994
 MUSIC: *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1986

COMPLAINER
 76.76D

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splen - dor or proph - ets, priests and kings, a
 scrip - ture, re - veal - ing in sur - prise the
 Spir - it, re - born, and en - er - gized, through

wind that stirred the wa - ters, a blur of might - y wings?
 tri - umph of a ser - vant re - ject - ed and de - spised?
 deed and word pro - claim - ing: "In Christ we are bap - tized!"