



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



January 16, 2022

9:55 am

MLK Day Celebration

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.

*\*Throughout our worship service today there are several parts of the prayers that will be in italics. These words are words used in various speeches and correspondence from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr in honor of tomorrow's Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.\**

**PRELUDE (9:50 AM)**

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES (9:55 AM)**

'I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table'

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sue Koza

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our Mother-Father God has made us to be One Body with many members.

**ALL: United and uniting. This is our calling.**

Leader: God calls us to share our diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit.

**ALL: United and uniting. This is our redemption.**

Leader: God longs for us to be united in love and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.

**ALL: United and uniting. This is our worship.**

Leader: Let us gather in from the very depths of our souls for this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God, who challenges us and calls us to create *the Beloved Community*.

**ALL: United and uniting. This is the Body of Christ.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, all people are your Beloved - across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and all the ways we are distinctive from one another. We are all manifestations of your image. *We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny.* You call us into your unending work of justice, peace, and love. Let us know your presence among us now - let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty.

Strengthen us with your steadfast love and transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action.

Under the shadow of your wings in this hour may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope. We ask these things are the start of our worship, O God, inspired by the example of your disciple - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - and in Jesus' name.

**ALL: Amen.**

**HYMN**

'They'll Know We Are Christians

No. 494

*(scroll down to music)*

## **A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: O God, we long to co-create with you the Beloved Community which looks to the common good; privileges all equally, and creates societal systems which celebrate the humanity and the gifts of all. And yet we focus on our differences, envy each other's gifts, devalue manifestations of you, O God, that are not like our own. Perhaps our sin is a slow wait for justice: We allow the voices of brothers and sisters who do not look like us, love like us, or worship like us to be silenced. We have told them to wait for freedom, justice, and equality. We foster in them a *denigrating sense of nobodiness*.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Or perhaps we have kept silence ourselves in the face of their struggle for full human life. *For it is not solely hateful words and actions, but also appalling silence that follows the path of oppression.*

**ALL: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Perhaps our sin is to give in to weariness, discouragement, bitterness - You have called us to be *drum majors for justice, peace, and righteousness* yet the work of peace and justice overwhelms us at times. To build with God the Beloved Community seems impossible, and we grow weary. We cry, "Peace, peace," but there is no peace within us or around us. We find ourselves on the path of hatred and oppression, violence, and war.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy on us and change our hardened hearts. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! God has promised - "I will not keep silent and will not rest until the vindication of my beloved people shines out like the dawn and their salvation like a burning torch. My people shall no more be termed 'desolate.'" We remember that you have given your Beloved people a new name: "My delight is in them."

**People: Thank you, God for delighting in us even now, for forgiving us our slow action, our silence, and our weariness, for empowering our work, and inviting us once again to create with you the Beloved Community you long for.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

#### **John 2:1-11 CEB**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."

His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now." This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

## SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

## HYMN

'My Lord, What a Morning'

No. 708

*(scroll down for 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

'Wind Upon the Waters'

No. 247

*(scroll down for words)*

## CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Sisters and brothers who we are, and who we are yet becoming as individuals, shows God's presence in the world. That divine presence is reflected even more fully, powerfully, and transformatively as we unite in Beloved Community. Let us bring ourselves, our gifts, and our resources together that God may be glorified.

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## OFFERTORY HYMN

'I Would Be True'

Undine Smith Moore

## DOXOLOGY

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

No. 614

*(scroll down for words)*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we commit to use all our gifts - wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, administration, hospitality, and finances - in the service of acting as co-workers with you and each other *for peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream.*

**ALL: Amen.**

## HYMN

'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

No. 631

*(scroll down to music)*

## BENEDICTION

Let us go forth to celebrate and strengthen *our inescapable network of mutuality*, and become *the radiant hope* needed in the world. As we go forth in this mutuality, may we experience our God rejoicing over us and with us. Let us go forth confident that *unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.*

**ALL: Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

**Participating in Today's Worship Service:**

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

<sup>1</sup>Jackson, Rev. Dr. Cari. "Epiphany 2 C-January 16." *United Church of Christ*, 6 Dec. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/epiphany-2-c-january-16/>.

<sup>2</sup>King, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther. "Prayers." *The Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute*, 25 June 2021, <https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/king-papers/documents/prayers>.



**STAR WORD TESTIMONIAL SIGN-UP LINK**

For 2022 we're going to take a new step with our tradition of star words by leaving open four Sundays where anyone from the congregation can sign up to give a testimonial about what their star word has meant to them. If you don't like speaking in front of folks, but you'd still like to share, please contact Pastor Jeff as we may be able to find someone to read something you've written. You can also feel free to be creative with your testimonial - write a song or a poem, choreograph a dance, paint a picture, or build something... use your creative gifts to express how God is speaking to you this year.

The link below is for the sign-up sheet and it has four Sundays already set aside. However, if there are more than four folks out there who would like to share we can certainly always add more throughout the year - just let Pastor Jeff know the list is full by emailing [pastor@brocktonucc.org](mailto:pastor@brocktonucc.org). This is an invitation to our ENTIRE Beloved Community - whether you're 2 or 102 - please step forward and share if you feel so moved. Our Beloved Community will be better for it!

**[CLICK HERE TO SIGNUP FOR A STAR WORD TESTIMONIAL DATE](#)**

# 494 They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em  
Unison

Em

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,

Am Em

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,

Am Em

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 C G C G Em Am

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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Em Am Bm Em

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

# 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 Sivis, 1993

BURLEIGH  
 Irr.

Refrain harm. © 1981 The United Methodist Publishing House; verse and response harm. © 1995  
 Chalice Press

## Wind upon the Waters

Unison Gm Dm7 Gm B<sup>b</sup> Gm

1. Wind up - on the wa - ters, voice up - on the  
 2. Show - ers from the hea - vens, wa - ter from the  
 3. Rock and hill and gar - den, wood and des - ert  
 4. Blaz - ing light of won - der, flame that pierc - es  
 5. Wind up - on the wa - ters, rains up - on the

F Cm7 F

1. deep, rouse your sons and daugh - ters,  
 2. earth, gift so whol - ly giv - en,  
 3. sand, prai - rie, field and mead - ow,  
 4. night, burst the dark a - sun - der,  
 5. sand, grace your sons and daugh - ters,

E<sup>b</sup> F Gm F B<sup>b</sup> Gm

1. wake us from our sleep, breath - ing life in - to all  
 2. source of ev - 'ry birth; joy of ev - 'ry liv - ing  
 3. shaped by Love's own hand, love that fills the world a -  
 4. fill our souls with light. Lord of glo - ry, fill the  
 5. new - born by your hand. Come, O Spir - it, and re -

Cue notes = optional 2nd part

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1986

WIND UPON THE WATERS  
65.65.77.11

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♩=96-104

F Gm E<sup>b</sup> D7

1. flesh, breath - ing love in - to all hearts, liv - ing  
 2. thing, mak - ing all cre - a - tion sing, show - er  
 3. round, spring - ing up from bar - ren ground, grow your  
 4. skies, make an end to ha - tred's cries, be the  
 5. new all the life that comes from you, send your

E<sup>b</sup> Cm7 F Dm7 Gm C/G Gm

*Last time* *fine*

1. wind up - on the wa - ters of, my soul.  
 2. down up - on the dry earth of my soul.  
 3. love with - in the gar - den of my soul.  
 4. blaz - ing sun of jus - tice in our lives.  
 5. winds up - on the wa - ters of my soul.

*Last time* *fine*

## **I Would Be True**

by Undine Smith Moore (known as the Dean of Black Women Composers)

*I would be true, for there are those who trust me;  
I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare!*

*I would be friend of all, the foe, the friendless;  
I would be giving, and forget the gift;  
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;  
I would look up and laugh and love and lift!*

# 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.

## 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

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LIFT EVERY VOICE  
 ltr.

♩=64-70

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.