



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



January 23, 2022

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!

PRELUDE (9:50 AM)

RINGING OF THE CHIMES (9:55 AM)

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This day is holy to the Lord your God.

People: Let us come ready to see, hear, and touch the Word of God.

Leader: Do not mourn or weep, and do not be grieved.

People: How can we be sad when we can experience God's Word and now God's love through our worship together? The joy of the Lord is our strength. Let us come together to worship the God of joy, strength, and love.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'Gather Us In'

No. 284

(scroll down to music)

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

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

(K/1 – to their class & 2nd-7th – youth playground in sanctuary)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we recall the times when your Word feels distant, and when we forget how much you love us. We let our egos take hold, and we treat others as threats to our sense of self. We forget your words of comfort, love, and care. We forget to look to your Word for guidance. We forget that you are our ultimate source of joy. Forgive us, O God. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*(scroll down to music)***SCRIPTURE****1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. Certainly the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? But as it is, there are many parts but one body. So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they? Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I'm going to show you an even better way.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'

No. 433

*(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.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

We share from what we have and from who we are as a sign of our desire to bring good news to the poor. May our gifts shared today bring light to those in need, and put the joy of the Lord in their hearts.

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OFFERTORY

'Healing River'

F. Hellerman/F. Minkoff

DOXOLOGY

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

No. 614

*(scroll down for words)***PRAYER OF DEDICATION****HYMN**

'God, the Spirit, Guide and Guardian'

No. 450

*(scroll down to music)***BENEDICTION****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

¹Gline Allen, Debbie. "Epiphany 3c-January 23." *United Church of Christ*, 29 Nov. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/epiphany-3c-january-23/>.

**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. 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](#)

Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/B^b Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A C G

van-ish a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and yourdaugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/B^b Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981
 GATHER US IN
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A C/G D/F[♯] G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pass-ion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

D/F[♯] G A D A C G

spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

Gm/B^b Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the

earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O

Lord, we mag-ni-fy your name: Prince of Peace, Might-y

God; O Lord God Al-might-y. O y.

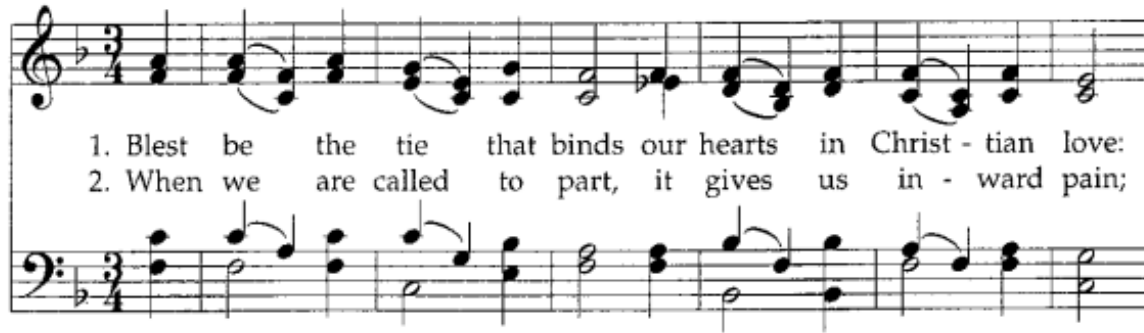
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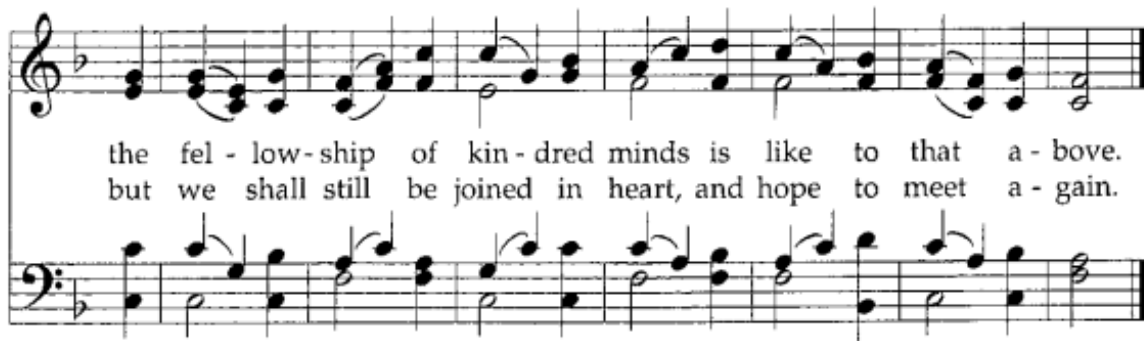
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Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christ-tian love:
2. When we are called to part, it gives us in-ward pain;



the fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds is like to that a-bove.
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a-gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1872
MUSIC: Johann G. Nægeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

DENNIS
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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.

450 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

1. God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped flame and
 2. Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, word made flesh, love
 3. Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be - yond all
 4. Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di - vid - ed

hov - ering dove, breath of life and voice of proph - ets, sign of
 cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering ser - vant, friend of
 thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom, womb of mer - cy, giv - ing
 and di - verse, deep - er than our minds can fath - om, great - er

bles - ing, power of love: give to those who lead your
 sin - ners, foe of pride: in your tend - ing may all
 and for - giv - ing all: as you know our strength and
 than our creeds re - hearse: help us in our var - ied

peo - ple, fresh a - noint - ing of your grace; send them forth as
 pas - tors* learn and live a shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age
 weak - ness, so may those the church ex - alts o - ver - see its
 call - ings your full im - age to pro - claim, that our min - is -

*When appropriate, ministers, leaders, elders, teachers, or deacons may be substituted for pastors.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987, alt.

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1844; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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bold a - pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.
 and com - pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.
 life stead - fast - ly yet not o - ver - look its faults.
 tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.