



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



January 30, 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)

'The Gift of Love'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Jeremiah 1 & Luke 4)*

Leader: Come! Hear the call of God - "Speak of me to my people."

People: But we are just ordinary folks. Who will listen?

Leader: God says, "I will give you the words. I will always be with you as you speak my words of truth and justice and love."

People: O God, we gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence, and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

'Fill My Cup, Lord'

No. 351

(scroll down to music)

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, who shapes the course of history, it is so hard to be a prophet. We're just ordinary folks. What do you expect us to do? Who will listen to us anyway? Even if they do listen, they'll only get mad. You'd do better to find someone else - someone older or someone younger. Someone more articulate. Someone with more courage. Someone with more faith. But still we hear your call and your promise.

Forgive our feet of clay - when we try to evade your call, when we make excuses, when we doubt your presence, when we reject your prophets, and when we reject ourselves. In the opportunities and challenges in our lives, help us see that you are there, and help us respond in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE *Jeremiah 1:4-10 & 1 Corinthians 13*

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The LORD's word came to me:
"Before I created you in the womb I knew you;
before you were born I set you apart;
I made you a prophet to the nations."
"Ah, LORD God," I said, "I don't know how to speak
because I'm only a child."
The LORD responded,
"Don't say, 'I'm only a child.'
Where I send you, you must go;
what I tell you, you must say.
Don't be afraid of them,
because I'm with you to rescue you,"
declares the LORD.
Then the LORD stretched out his hand,
touched my mouth, and said to me,
"I'm putting my words in your mouth.
This very day I appoint you over nations and empires,
to dig up and pull down,
to destroy and demolish,
to build and plant."

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. We know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things. Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

(scroll down for words)

'The Gift of Love'

No. 526

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

'Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley'

No. 211

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"BE THE CHURCH" CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

Lisa Sparling

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

We have all been called to speak and to live out the radical, abiding love of God in the world. We do so by offering all that we are, all that we do, and all that we have, knowing that God will use us and our gifts to bring the beloved community ever closer to being realized in this world.

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OFFERTORY

'Thuma Mina'

No. 447

DOXOLOGY

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

No. 614

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

'We Are Walking'

No.442

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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

¹Carlson Brown, Rev. Dr. Joanne. "Worship Elements: January 30, 2022." *Worship Elements: January 30, 2022*, 2 Sept. 2021, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3545/worship-elements-january-30-2022>.

1. Like the wom-an at the well I was seek - ing for things that
 2. There are mil-lions in this world who are crav - ing the plea - sure
 3. So, my friend, if all the things this world gave you leave hun - gers

could not sat - is - fy; and then I heard my Sav - ior speak - ing: "Draw
 earth - ly things af - ford; but none can match the won - drous trea - sure
 that won't pass a - way, my bless - ed Lord will come and save you,

from my well that nev - er shall run dry."
 that I find in Je - sus Christ my Lord. Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it
 if you kneel to him and hum - bly pray:

up, Lord! Come and quench this thirst - ing of my soul; Bread of Heav - en,

feed me 'til I want no more—fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Blanchard, 1959

FILL MY CUP
 Irr.

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The Gift of Love

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1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal H. Hopson, 1972
 MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1972

GIFT OF LOVE
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Alt. tune: O WALY WALY

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley 211

F F7 B \flat Gm7

1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val-ley, he had to
 2. We must walk this lone-some val-ley, we have to
 3. You must go and stand your tri - al, you have to

F Dm Gm C7 F7 3

walk it by him-self; O, no-bod-y else could walk it
 walk it by our-selves; O, no-bod-y else can walk it
 stand it by your-self, O, no-bod-y else can stand it

B \flat Gm7 F Gm C7 1-2 F B \flat F 3 F

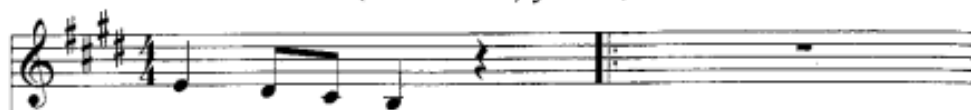
for him, he had to walk it by him - self.
 for us, we have to walk it by our - selves.
 for you, you have to stand it by your - self.

WORDS: American spiritual
 MUSIC: American spiritual; arr. Bill Thomas, 1994

LONESOME VALLEY
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Thuma Mina

(Send Me, Jesus)



Leader: Thu - ma mi - na.



All: 1. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma
 (2. Send me,) Je - sus, send me,
 (3. Lead me,) Je - sus, lead me,
 (4. Fill me,) Je - sus, fill me,



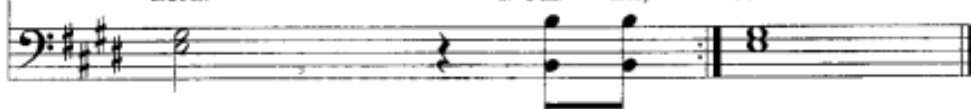
mi - na, thu - ma mi - na so - man -
 Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,
 Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,
 Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,



(Leader:) 2. Send me, Lord.
 3. Lead me, Lord.
 4. Fill me, Lord.



(All:) dla. 2. Send me,
 Lord. 3. Lead me,
 Lord. 4. Fill me, Lord



WORDS: South African text
 MUSIC: South African melody

THUMA MINA
 lrr.

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

I'M GONNA LIVE
Irr.

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We Are Walking

(Siyahamba/Caminando)

We are walk ing* in the light of God, we are
 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -
 Ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios, ca - mi -

walk - ing in the light of God. We are
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos. Si - ya -
 nan - do en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

of God we are
 kwen - khos' si - ya -
 de Dios ca - mi

walk - ing in the light of the light of God. We are
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya
 nan - do en la luz de la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

of God
 kwen - khos'
 de Dios

* marching/singing/dancing/praying

WORDS and MUSIC: South Africa (20th century)

SIYAHAMBA
 Irr.

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walk - ing We are
 ham - ba Si - ya
 nan - do Ca - mi

walk - ing, walk - ing, we are walk - ing, walk - ing, we are
 ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
 nan - do va - mos, ca - mi - nan - do va - mos, ca - mi -

walk - ing in the light of God.
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos.
 nan - do en la luz de Dios.