



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



February 6, 2022

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! We are glad to join together for worship in person and online. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. This morning, we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion. We hold that the communion table is open to any and all who desire a closer relationship with Christ. To prepare for this sacrament at home, we invite you to gather communion elements from what you have at hand, some bread or crackers and some juice or water.

**PRELUDE (9:50 AM)**

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

'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sue Koza, Moderator

**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**

'Woke Up This Morning'

No. 623

*(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

'I Want Jesus To Walk With Me'

No. 627

*(scroll down for words)*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## “BE THE CHURCH” CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

Lisa Sparling

## HYMN

'Lead Me, Guide Me'

No. 583

*(scroll down for words)*

## 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

'The Gift of Love'

No. 526

## DOXOLOGY

'Thank You, Lord'

No. 531

*(scroll down for words)*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION



## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God, our Creator.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

No. 111

C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!  
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

## THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray... We bless you, O God, for the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. That Holy Spirit leads us into truth, fights for justice and equality and equity, continues to gather us as believers even in the face of adversity, and moves us to be empowered by your love. It is the movement of the Holy Spirit that allows us to trust in the life, death, and resurrection which reconciles us to you.

We take great pause as your people to remember all your mighty and merciful acts.

\*Pause for a moment of silence\*

We pray, O God, that as we take this bread and this cup as a gift from you that we may celebrate with joy and hope of the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Please pour out your blessings on this bread and this cup as we remember you, your gifts, and your mystery. We pray all of this as we ponder the great mystery of our faith...

**ALL: Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Please accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as a willing, living, and holy sacrifice and offering of ourselves, our whole selves, that we may be honest enough to live our lives with authenticity, truth, honesty, and integrity so much so that our very lives proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Now, together let us pray as Christ taught us saying...

**ALL: 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 Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## REMEMBERING THE STORY

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

'Let Us Break Bread Together'

No. 425

## SHARING THE ELEMENTS

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER (in unison)

O God, with gratitude and praise you have blessed and fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us hope in the face of turmoil to remind us that in you - everything is already alright. Make us children of remembrance so that herstory and history lives on in us. Send us from this place with purpose and in your power, blessed, transformed and bent toward the arc of justice for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN

'Just a Closer Walk with Thee'

No. 557

(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

<sup>1</sup>Carlson 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>.

<sup>2</sup>Barbee, Rev. Amantha, and Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown. "Black History Month Communion Liturgy." *More Light Presbyterians*, 27 Jan. 2020, <https://mlp.org/document/black-history-month-communion-liturgy/>.



### STAR WORD TESTIMONIAL SIGNUP 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

☀️ You can also send in a little article, comment, picture, etc. about your Star Word to be put in the monthly Courier. Send it to the office ([office@brocktonucc.org](mailto:office@brocktonucc.org)) or just drop it off on Deana's desk.

## Woke Up This Morning

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1. Oh, I woke up this morn - ing with my mind, (and it was)  
 2. Can't hate your neigh - bor in your mind, (if you keep it)  
 3. Makes you love ev - 'ry bod - y with your mind, (when you keep it)

F7 Bb

stayed on Je - sus. Woke up this morn - ing with my  
 stayed on Je - sus. Can't hate your neigh - bor in your  
 stayed on Je - sus. Love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your

F

mind, (and it was) stayed on Je - sus,  
 mind, (if you keep it) stayed on Je - sus,  
 mind, (when you keep it) stayed on Je - sus,

woke up this morn - ing with my mind, (and it was)  
 can't hate your neigh - bor in your mind, (if you keep it)  
 love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your mind, (when you keep it)

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

WOKE UP  
lrr.

A7 Dm F

stayed on Je - sus, Hal - le - lu, Hal - le -  
 lu, Hal - le - lu,  
 Hal - le - lu Hal - le - lu jah.

C Bb F

## I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Capo 3: Play Am Unison Am E7 Am E7 Am Em

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me.  
3. When I'm trou - bled, Lord, walk with me.

I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me.  
When I'm trou - bled, Lord, walk with me.

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
When my heart is al - most break - ing,  
When my head is bowed in sor - row,

O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

WORDS: African-American spiritual  
MUSIC: African-American spiritual; harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981

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## Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

WORDS: Doris Akers, 1953

MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1953; harm. Richard Smallwood

LEAD ME GUIDE ME

Irr.

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Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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  
 LM

1. Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,  
 2. Been so good, been so good, been so  
 3. Been my friend, been my friend, been my

Lord,  
 good,  
 friend,  
 I just want to thank you,  
 I just want to thank you,  
 I just want to thank you,  
 Lord.  
 Lord.  
 Lord.

WORDS: Traditional African-American song  
 MUSIC: Traditional African-American melody; harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland and  
 Verolga Nix, alt.

THANK YOU, LORD  
 333.7

# Let Us Break Bread Together

425

Guitar capo: 1; play D

D Bm G Gmaj7 A7 D G D

1. Let us break bread to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 2. Let us drink wine to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 3. Let us praise God to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)

D A Bm7 E E7 A A

let us break bread to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us drink wine to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us praise God to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)

*Refrain* D F#m B7 Em Em7 Am

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris- ing sun,

A7 D Bm7 Em9 A7 D G D

O Lord, have mer- cy on me. (on me)

WORDS: African-American spiritual  
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Carlton R. Young, 1964, alt.

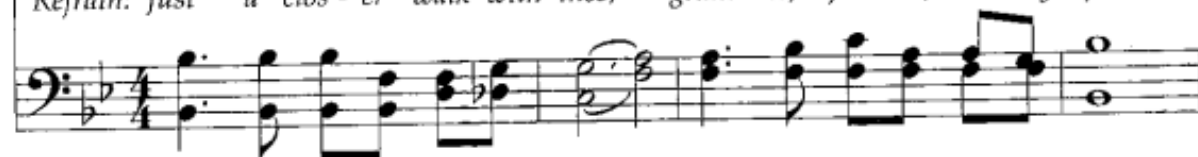
LET US BREAK BREAD  
 Irr.

# Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
*Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,*



*D. C. for Refrain*



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.  
*dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*



WORDS and MUSIC:

Anonymous

CLOSER WALK  
 Irr. w. refrain