



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



February 13, 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.

A NOTE ABOUT CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Over the past several months we have asked that you refrain from singing out loud during hymns if you are worshipping with us in person. **At the most recent meeting of the Phasing Forward Task Force the decision was made to allow congregational humming, or soft singing, during our hymns. Everyone will be required to remain masked while singing, and we sincerely encourage you to hum or sing softly to help reduce the risk of spread. If you have any questions about this, or any of our other COVID-19 protocols please contact Pastor Jeff or a member of our Phasing Forward Task Force.*

PRELUDE (9:50 AM)

RINGING OF THE CHIMES (9:55 AM)

'Just a Closer Walk with Thee'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza, Moderator

***HYMN**

'I Thank You Jesus'

No. 116

(scroll down to music)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kin-dom of God.

People: We are each a child of God. No matter who we are, or where we are on life's journey, we are blessed.

Leader: Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

People: We come to worship the God who feeds us, who fills us, and who blesses us.

Leader: Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

People: Let us rejoice in the love of God, and worship our God together in prayer, song, and praise.

OPENING PRAYER

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

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

HYMN

'Sweet, Sweet Spirit'

No. 261

(scroll down to music)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We try to care for each other, especially when there is pain and sorrow, and when we witness injustice. But we cannot find blessing in poverty and hunger. Sometimes it feels just too hard to offer relief or to work for change. We prefer to stay in our comfortable spaces or choose to walk past those in need. Sometimes we are afraid. Forgive us when we serve ourselves more often than we serve you, O God. We come to you with humble hearts seeking your eternal grace. Amen.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground. A great company of his disciples and a huge crowd of people from all around Judea and Jerusalem and the area around Tyre and Sidon joined him there. They came to hear him and to be healed from their diseases, and those bothered by unclean spirits were healed. The whole crowd wanted to touch him, because power was going out from him and he was healing everyone.

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

"Happy are you who are poor,
because God's kingdom is yours.

Happy are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One.^[a] Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich,
because you have already received your comfort.

How terrible for you who have plenty now,
because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now,
because you will mourn and weep.

How terrible for you when all speak well of you.

Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

*HYMN

'Transform Us'

No. 182

(scroll down for words)

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS (in unison)

Our Creator (Father) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom 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.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

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OFFERTORY

'There is More Love Somewhere'

Trad. Spiritual,
arr. Cliff Hardin

*DOXOLOGY

(scroll down for words)

'Thank You, Lord'

No. 531

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

'We Are Walking'

No. 442

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 6C-February 13, 2022." *United Church of Christ*, 26 Dec. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/epiphany-6c-february-13-2022/>.

 **ARTS & MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH**
PRESENTS:

 **MIDDAY MUSIC**
"In the Gospel Tradition"
Wednesday February 16th
at 12:15 pm
Judith Conrad,
Guest Organist

Free event
Donations will be accepted
for the "Negro Spiritual
Royalties Project—Brockton"
In Honor of Black History Month

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[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. 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) or just drop it off on Deana's desk.**

I Thank You, Jesus

1. I thank you, Je-sus, thank you, Je-sus,
 2. You've been my fa-ther, been my moth-er,

(Thank you, Je-sus,) (Been my fa-ther,)
 (thank you, Je-sus,) (been my moth-er,)

thank you, Je-sus, my Sav-ior God, for you brought me, yes, you
 been my sis-ter, my broth-er, too, for you brought me, yes, you

brought me from a might-y, a might-y long way, (a might-y long
 brought me from a might-y, a might-y long way, (a might-y long

I thank you, Je-sus, thank you, Je-sus,
 You've been my fa-ther, been my moth-er,

way.) (Thank you, Je-sus,) (thank you, Je-sus,)
 way.) (Been my fa-ther,) (been my moth-er,)

WORDS: Kenneth Morris, 1948
 MUSIC: Kenneth Morris, 1948; adapt. and arr. Joyce F. Johnson, 1992, alt.

I THANK YOU
 Irr.

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 arr. © 1992 The Pilgrim Press

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brought me from a might-y, a might-y long way. (a might-y long way.)
 brought me from a might-y, a might-y long way. (a might-y long way.)

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
 know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
 sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
 know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.

Refrain
 Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five systems of vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady bass line and harmonic support for the vocal line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staff.

WORDS and MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1962

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
Irr. w. refrain

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with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings
 we lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know
 that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

This section continues the musical score with three more systems of vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The piano part maintains its harmonic structure, providing a foundation for the vocal line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staff.

Transform Us

Unison

1. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, stood a - part on
 2. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, once spoke with those
 3. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, would not stay with -

Ta - bor's height. Lead us up our sa - cred moun - tains,
 ho - ly ones. We, sur - round - ed by the wit - ness
 in a shrine. Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion—

search us with re - veal - ing light. Lift us from where we have
 of those saints whose work is done, live in this world as your
 time and truth we quick - ly bind. Lead us down those dai - ly

fall - en, full of ques - tions, filled with fright.
 Bod - y, cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.
 path - ways where our love is not con - fined.

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1989
 MUSIC: Traditional French melody (17th century); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

PICARDY
 87.87.87

Thank You, Lord

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

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 ham - ba nan - do We are Si - ya 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.