



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



February 27, 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 worshiping 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.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES (9:55 AM) 'Sweet, Sweet Spirit'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sue Koza, Moderator

HYMN 'Old Ship of Zion' No. 539
(scroll down to music)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Something drew us together this morning.

People: Something we can't name but which we experience in worship.

Leader: Some holy mystery we call God.

People: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus.

Leader: Some indescribably hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit.

People: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears and prepare us to love the world.

OPENING PRAYER

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

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

HYMN 'Stand By Me' No. 629
(scroll down to music)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. Believe and accept God's love and live in God's freedom.

ALL: We believe! Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two covenant tablets in his hand, Moses didn't realize that the skin of his face shone brightly because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw the skin of Moses' face shining brightly, they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called them closer. So Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and Moses spoke with them. After that, all the Israelites came near as well, and Moses commanded them everything that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went into the LORD's presence to speak with him, Moses would take the veil off until he came out again. When Moses came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining brightly. So Moses would put the veil on his face again until the next time he went in to speak with the LORD.

Luke 9:28-36

About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

No. 631

(scroll down for words)

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *(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

The needs of our world are too numerous to name. Shelter, food, clean air and water... Our gifts touch these needs, but the biggest gift we can give is to love the world so much that we give of ourselves. Nothing will transform need more than sacrificial love. So as you place money in the offering plate today, or as you make your donation online, don't let your giving be done. Start planning to go deeper. May God now bless our hopes and dreams as we receive this morning's offering.

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OFFERTORY

(scroll down for words)

'I Love the Lord'

No. 598

DOXOLOGY

(scroll down for words)

'Thank You, Lord'

No. 531

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

'Give Me a Clean Heart'

No. 515

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

¹Bahr, Rev. Dr. David. "Transfiguration Sunday C-February 27." *United Church of Christ*, 6 Dec. 2021, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/transfiguration-sunday-c-february-27/>.

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2022 Lenten Friday Take-Out Dinners Overview

One less thing to do on Friday night. During the 6 Fridays of Lent, Christ Congregational Church (CCC) will be selling dinners for pick-up. Beginning Friday, March 4th through Friday, April 8th swing by the CCC church kitchen between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. for a fully prepared, delicious meal.

Many of the planned menu items offer recipe options for vegetarians and/or gluten-free needs. Dinners will be sold as small, 2 portion size, and large, 4 portion family size. Generally dinners will be priced small \$20.00 and large \$35.00; please refer to weekly order sheets for details beginning next week, February 24th.

Our famous and favorite Macaroni and Cheese will be available every week.

Desserts will be offered each week; no drinks are planned.

Orders and payment must be received by noon the Wednesday (payments may be made on-line and/or by credit card) prior to the Friday night dinner.

Orders from the general public are welcome for our Pick-Up Lenten Friday Dinners. During Lent plan a stop through the CCC kitchen parking area.

Here are the Lenten Friday Weekly Dinner Menus:

- ❖ Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 2nd for Friday March 4th: Chicken Divan
- ❖ Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 9th for Friday March 11th: Chili/ Butternut Vegetable Chili
- ❖ Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 16th for Friday March 18th: Lasagna and Meatballs
- ❖ Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 23rd for Friday March 25th: Corn Chowder / Soup
- ❖ Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 30th for Friday April 1st: Chicken, Broccoli and Ziti or Rice
- ❖ Order by noon Wednesday April 6th for Friday April 8th: Shepherd's Pie

Also Available for Purchase Each Week are:

- Macaroni and Cheese
- Dessert

Questions? Please e-mail us: LentenTakeOut@brocktonucc.org

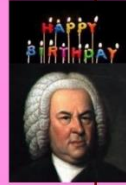
ARTS & MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH PRESENTS

BACH BIRTHDAY BASH
SUNDAY, MARCH 27 at 3:00 PM

Richard Spicer, Organist

Music of the Young

J.S. Bach

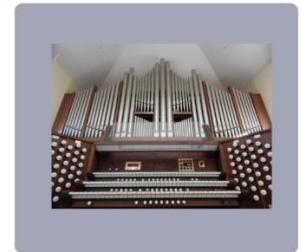


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 E-mail: boardofmusic@brocktonucc.org
 •All parking in rear of building
 •Handicapped Accessible

Admission:
\$10 Adults

\$5 Seniors & Students
Children under 12 FREE

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SECOND SATURDAY
 FELLOWSHIP

**BINGO
 NIGHT**

SATURDAY, MARCH 12
 GATHER AND DINNER AT 5PM
 BINGO AT 6PM

ALL AGES WELCOME
 NURSERY CARE PROVIDED

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 WE CAN'T WAIT TO FELLOWSHIP WITH YOU!

Christ Congregational Church, UCC

The Board of Christian Education
 is hosting

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Saturday, March 26, 2022
 5-8 PM

Let us care for your little ones while you enjoy some self-care! Kids will have an evening of fun activities, dinner, and a movie at the church. Pajamas encouraged!

Registration required
 Deadline - March 19th

Go to - tinyurl.com/PNOatCCC

Or take a photo of me



Old Ship of Zion

Unison

1. I was lost in sin and sor-row on an isle in life's dark
 2. I got up but hes-i-tat-ed won-d'ring who this friend could
 3. Then I stepp'd a-board the ves-sel thro' the straights and thro' the

sea, when I saw far in the dis-tance there a
 be, tho' the waves were wild and dash-ing seem-ing
 gorge, man-y years it sail'd the wa-ters man-y

ship it seemed to be, then I saw the cap-tain
 they would swal-low me, then he raised his hand
 souls have made the voyage, then I rec-og-nized the

beck-on then he called out loud and free "I have
 toward me calm'd the wild and rag-ing sea with a
 cap-tain, it was Je-sus in com-mand 'tis the

come, my friend, to save you, step on board and fol-low
 voice so sweet and ten-der these words whis-per'd soft to
 old ship of Zi-on and it's bound for Ca-naan

me." 'Tis the old ship of Zi-on 'tis the
 me. There's no dan-ger in the wa-ter, there's no
 land. It has land-ed man-y thou-sands, it has

old ship of Zi-on, 'tis the old ship of
 dan-ger in the wa-ter, there's no dan-ger in the
 land-ed man-y thou-sands, it has land-ed man-y

Zi-on, get on board, all of God's chil-dren, get on board.
 wa-ter, get on board, all of God's chil-dren, get on board.
 thou-sands, get on board, all of God's chil-dren, get on board.

WORDS and MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1950
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OLD SHIP OF ZION
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Stand By Me

1. When the storms of life are rag-ing, stand by me;
 2. In the midst of trib - u - la - tion,
 3. In the midst of faults and fail-ures, (stand by me);
 4. In the midst of per - se - cu - tion,
 5. When I'm grow - ing old and fee-ble,

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1. when the world is toss-ing me, like a ship up-on the sea,
 2. when the hosts of hell as-sail, and my strength be-gins to fail,
 3. when I've done the best I can, and my friends mis-un-der-stand,
 4. when my foes in war ar-ray un-der-take to stop my way,
 5. when my life be-comes a bur-den, and I'm near-ing chil-ly Jor-dan,

WORDS: Charles Albert Tindley, c. 1906
 MUSIC: Charles Albert Tindley, c. 1906; arr. Floyd Knight, Jr., 1993

STAND BY ME
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Arr. © 1995 Floyd Knight, Jr.

1. thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, stand by me.
 2. thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle,
 3. thou who know - est all a - bout me, (stand by me)
 4. thou who saved Paul and Si - las,
 5. O thou Lil - y of the Val - ley,

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
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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.

I Love the Lord

Leader:

1. I know I am a child of God.
wait un - til the vic - t'ry comes

2. I love the Lord: who heard my cry.
as I live while trou - ble rise,

Congregation:

al - though I
and - move at

And pit - ied
I'll has - ten

Congregation:

I know I am
I'll wait un - til

I love the Lord:
Long as I live

Leader:

move so slow. I'll
God's com - mand.

ev - ery moan. Long
to God's throne.

a child of
the vic - t'ry

who heard my
while trou - ble

Leader:

God. al - though I move so slow.
comes and move at God's com - mand.

cry. And pit - ied ev - ery moan.
rise, I'll has - ten to God's throne.

3.

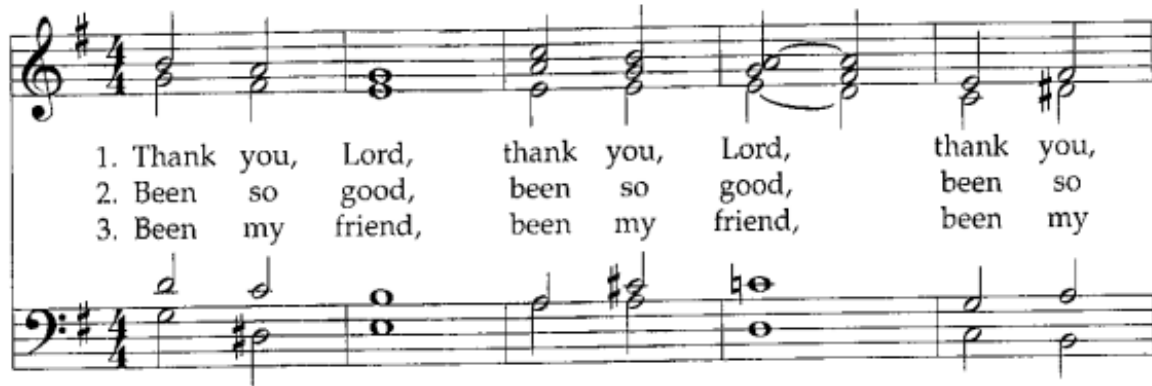
Leader: I love the Lord, who bowed an ear.*Congregation:* I love the Lord, who bowed an ear.*Leader:* And chased my grief away.*Congregation:* And chased my grief away.*Leader:* Oh, let my heart no more despair,*Congregation:* Oh, let my heart no more despair,*Leader:* while I have breath to pray.*Congregation:* while I have breath to pray.

4.

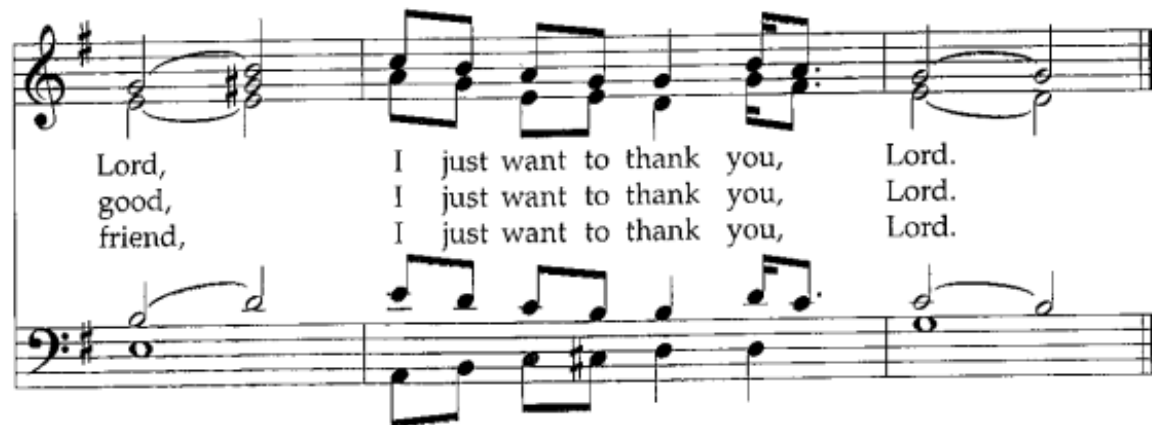
Leader: The Lord beheld me sore distressed,*Congregation:* The Lord beheld me sore distressed,*Leader:* and bade my pains remove.*Congregation:* and bade my pains remove.*Leader:* Return, my soul, to God, thy rest,*Congregation:* Return, my soul, to God, thy rest,*Leader:* for thou hast known God's love.*Congregation:* for thou hast known God's love.

WORDS: Traditional African-American chant
MUSIC: Traditional African-American chant; transcribed by Floyd Knight, Jr., 1993

I LOVE THE LORD
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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, Lord.
 I just want to thank you, Lord.
 I just want to thank you, Lord.

WORDS: Traditional African-American song

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

THANK YOU, LORD
 333.7

Give me a clean heart so I may serve

This system contains the first line of music, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment in treble and bass clefs. The key signature has two flats and the time signature is 6/8.

thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by

This system contains the second line of music, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment in treble and bass clefs.

thee. For I'm not worthy of all these bless -

This system contains the third line of music, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment in treble and bass clefs.

WORDS: Margaret J. Douroux
MUSIC: Margaret J. Douroux; harm. Albert Denis Tessier

DOUROUX
Irr.

♩=56-60

ings. Give me a clean heart and I'll fol-low thee.

This system contains the fourth line of music, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment in treble and bass clefs.