



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



April 3, 2022

9:55 am

“GATHER”

People gather around Jesus as his reputation becomes known from town to town. As we gather virtually and physically, we too are yearning for presence, for peace, for help.

PRELUDE (9:50 AM)

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

‘This is My Song’

arr. Jean Sibelius

THRESHOLD MOMENT - (Music - Holy Vessels - Chuck Bell/Marcia McFee)

Leader: We continue our Lenten “season of recovery” as we focus on health as essential to our spiritual lives.

(sung together)

**Vessels, holy and whole
Broken, needing the One
Open, body and soul
Healer, come.**

Leader: The demands of following Jesus are great. He shows us that sometimes we must make extraordinary efforts to move in a new direction. As we consider the health of humanity, we cannot ignore the need to heal the very planet that sustains us. We live in increasing chaos of a beleaguered environment and the hoarding of resources. We want to be “saved” by something or someone else, but we discover this week that we are in the boat with the One who shows us our power to turn it around, to calm the storm. We protect the jewel that is our home, restoring something beautiful from scars of the past.

(sung together)

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"APPROACH"

People opened their lives to Jesus. We are also drawn to the Healer - opening our hearts with honesty about our lives and finding assurance that offers peace.

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us acknowledge our need to restore, repair, renew our Holy Vessels, especially this holy container of life on which we live—this very planet. Let us pray:

ALL: Life-giving God, In the beginning, you created this universe with a phrase, "Let it be..." and the waters and dry land, the sky and the creatures were formed. You set humanity among these wonders and invited us to care and honor all things.

We have not successfully answered that call. Seeing the abundance as a feast that would never end, we gorged ourselves, taking more than we could replenish at a rate that could not be sustained. We are beginning to comprehend the magnitude, beginning to see that things cannot just keep going "as usual" and not have dire consequences. We are frightened, which is partly why we are slow to accept it. But we now are witnesses to the forces of a world more broken than when we inherited it: water, wind, wave, fire, drought, and earthquake that signal it is time to pay attention and to make real change. Too often we think there is nothing we can do—that the change required is too great. It all feels overwhelming and so we look away, sometimes even from the small things that could make a difference for our own community.

Help us, Healer.

Show us our ability to chart a different course.

Forgive our inaction.

Move us to move

one step at a time toward greater care for one another.

In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

Silence

(sung together)

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***HYMN**

'Touch the Earth Lightly'

No. 693

***MOMENT OF PEACE & LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP/CANDLE**

Leader: The peace of Christ is with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share a socially distant sign of Christ's peace with those gathered here, and those joining us from home, by waving or some other gesture of wellbeing!

“BELIEVE”

People were fortified by Jesus' words and deeds that revealed care for all - especially those who were marginalized. We strengthen our belief in the possibility for renewed health and vigor for all.

SONG OF PREPARATION

'Day by Day'

No. 599

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 8:18-27 (Common English Bible)

Now when Jesus saw the crowd, he ordered his disciples to go over to the other side of the lake. A legal expert came and said to him, "Teacher, I'll follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens, and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Human One^[a] has no place to lay his head."

Another man, one of his disciples, said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

When Jesus got into a boat, his disciples followed him. A huge storm arose on the lake so that waves were sloshing over the boat. But Jesus was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, rescue us! We're going to drown!"

He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you people of weak faith?" Then he got up and gave orders to the winds and the lake, and there was a great calm.

The people were amazed and said, "What kind of person is this? Even the winds and the lake obey him!"

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

“ASK”

People who were healed by Jesus were not afraid to ask. And so we come before the Holy One, making our petitions and desires known, trusting the work of the Spirit.

CHANCEL RINGERS ANTHEM

'For the Beauty of the Earth'

arr. Mary Lynn Lightfoot

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.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The chords are C, G7, Am, F, G, and C. The lyrics are: 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

The second system has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The chords are F, G7, C, Am, F, G7, and C. The lyrics are: 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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, Holy Vessel of Divine Presence on earth. Your Spirit anointed him as a container of grace in the form of preaching good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives, recovering sight to the blind, setting at liberty those who are oppressed, and announcing that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with those considered too broken for company. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to the path of healing and recovery, delivered us from our despair and isolation, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always. In the power of your Word and Holy Spirit, we are not alone.

On the night in which he gave himself out of love for the whole of creation, he took bread gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of the healing, life-transforming acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

'Table of Peace'

arr. Tom Fettke

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

Almighty God, as close to us as breathing and as distant as the farthest star - we thank you for your presence among us this day and at this meal. Walk with us, pull us back together, and heal all that is broken or hurting within and without. Empower us through this physical and spiritual nourishment today, so that we might carry your presence with us throughout the world. Amen.

“RESPOND”

Scriptural accounts of healing often end with responses from the “crowd” of witnesses. How will we proceed into the brokenness of this world and respond as the Body of Christ?

HYMN

‘For the Beauty of the Earth’

No. 56

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Now go with confidence
that we can face the storm with Jesus in the boat,
recovering our depth of love for all
and our joy of living in this world.

May the words of Jesus ring in your ears:
“follow me.”

And may the Spirit hover, move, and deliver
salve to your soul
and a spring in your step.

Amen.

[reprise of theme song]

**ALL SING: Vessels, holy and whole
Broken, needing the One
Open, body and soul
Healer, come.**

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist
Alisa Cassola, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Chancel Ringers:

Doug Anderson
Carol Bradford
Dani Kardisco
Jilliann Larson
Leigh-Ann Larson
Leo Larson

Christ Congregational
Church, UCC

SAVE THE DATE
ARTISAN'S, VENDORS AND
YARD SALES

Saturday, May 7th 2022
(with a rain date of Saturday, May 14th)

We hope to make this our biggest yard sale yet.
Church tables, Church Family tables, Vendor tables
All are welcome!
Can you help? Do you have donations?
Should we have food?
Please get the word out early:
Fun and Fellowship and Lots of Items for Sale!

Second Saturday Fellowship

PAINT NIGHT

Saturday, April 9
5-7pm

Light Snacks and materials provided
Register for participation in the link found in the Nearly
Weekly or call the Church Office by April 6.



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JOIN US FOR
IN PERSON WORSHIP
PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 10 @ 9:55AM

ALL ARE WELCOME



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1550 Pleasant Street, Buckton, MA

Holy Week
at Christ Congregational, UCC

Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae service
with communion
Thursday, April 14, 2022
@ 7:00 PM

Good Friday
Service of remembrance for Jesus
around the Advent wreath
Friday, April 15, 2022
@ 7:00 PM



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CHRIST CONGREGATION CHURCH INVITES YOU



**REDEEMED &
REJOICING**

CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP WITH US IN
PERSON OR AT HOME ONLINE AS WE SING
ALLELUIA TO THE RISEN ONE

April 11, 2021 | 1550 Pleasant Street
9:55am | Buckton, MA

Visit www.bucktonuucc.org for more details

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Touch the Earth Lightly

Unison

1. Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth
 *2. We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate
 3. Let there be green - ing, birth from the
 4. God of all liv - ing, God of all

gen - tly, nour - ish the life of the
 hun - ger, a - gents of death for all
 burn - ing, wa - ter that bless - es and
 lov - ing, God of the seed - ling, the

world in our care: gift of great won -
 crea - tures that live, we who would fos -
 air that is sweet, health in God's gar -
 snow and the sun, teach us, de - flect

der, ours to sur - ren - der, trust for the
 ter clouds of dis - as - ter— God of our
 den, hope in God's chil - dren, re - gen - er -
 us, Christ re - con - nect us, us - ing us

* Alternate key signature and accidentals: for st. 2 only

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1991
MUSIC: Colin Gibson, 1992TENDERNESS
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chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 gen - tly, and mak - ing us one.

Day by Day

Day by day, day by day,

The first system of music features a treble clef with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The bass line is a simple accompaniment of chords.

O, dear Lord, three things I pray:

The second system continues the melody with a long note in the treble clef. The bass line continues with chords.

to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,

The third system features a key signature change to two flats. The melody includes eighth notes and quarter notes.

fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

The fourth system includes a first ending bracket labeled '1.' at the end of the melody.

day by day, by day, by day, by day.

The fifth system includes a second ending bracket labeled '2.' and a *ritard.* marking. The melody ends with a long note.

* Small notes only on repeat

WORDS: Attr. Richard of Chichester (13th century), alt.
MUSIC: Stephen Schwartz, 1971

GOSPELL
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To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry,

to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done.

With his blood Christ has saved me; with your power you have raised me;

to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done.

WORDS and MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1971

MY TRIBUTE
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For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5. For thy church that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,

1. for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 2. hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 3. for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight,
 4. friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 5. of-fering up on ev-ery shore one pure sa-cri-fice of love,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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