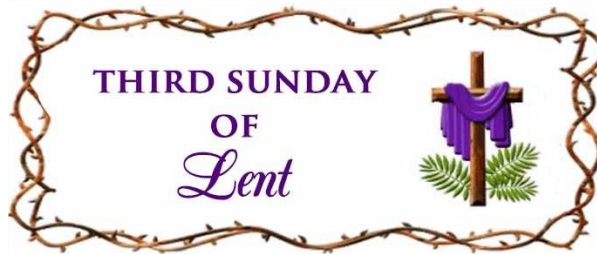




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



March 20, 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

‘For the Healing of the Nations’

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: God gathers us as a Beachcomber gathers and marvels at every precious surviving piece of beach glass she finds. We are never alone, we are never lost to the One who seeks humanity’s wholeness. We affirm our commitment to be the Body of Christ that knows we cannot be personally healed until we see the interconnected community as part of the process of healing. Jesus has the power to re-vision the family of God in which false boundaries are overcome. In a year of devastating loss of livelihood, we consider the economic health that reimagines status quo.

(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, and that the health of our minds deeply affects our physical and spiritual health. Let us pray:

ALL: God of All,

You gifted us with amazing minds, capable of so many things. You gave us the ability to think and feel, imbuing us with discernment of thought and emotion. Like our physical bodies, sometimes this aspect of our selves is beleaguered. We struggle under the strain of disappointment, despair, and delusion. Too often we hide this, afraid of what others might think of our difficulties in managing or moving forward, even in the face of devastating circumstances. Too often we perpetuate the stigma of a less-than-perfect state of mind by shaming ourselves and others. Millennia of misunderstanding compounds our fear. We label and belittle, all the while turning the hatred upon ourselves, for no one is immune from troubles of the mind at some point. So many are suffering now, God, weary and distraught, grieving and at the end of their rope. We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away, sometimes even from the need in our own community.

Help us, Healer. Show us our capacity for compassion. Forgive our inattention. 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)

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Know this: You are accepted.

No. Matter. What.

Accepting the truth of our difficulties is part of the journey of recovery.

Sharing our stories of difficulty can open the way for healing.

For you, for me, for all.

Take a deep breath in to let this truth fill you...
and breathe out with the relief of assurance.

***HYMN**

'Be Still My Soul'

No. 566

*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.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

SONG OF PREPARATION

'Day by Day'

No. 599

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:27-33

As Jesus departed, two blind men followed him, crying out, "Show us mercy, Son of David." When he came into the house, the blind men approached him. Jesus said to them, "Do you believe I can do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Then Jesus touched their eyes and said, "It will happen for you just as you have believed." Their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly warned them, "Make sure nobody knows about this." But they went out and spread the word about him throughout that whole region. As they were leaving, people brought to him a man who was demon-possessed and unable to speak. When Jesus had thrown out the demon, the man who couldn't speak began to talk. The crowds were amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

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.

ANTHEM

'There's a Wideness'

arr. Sally Kidwell

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where our failings have such kindly judgment given.

But we make God's love too narrow with false limits all our own
And we magnify God's strictness with a zeal God will not own.
For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our hearts could be more gentle, we would take God at God's word,
And our hearts would be all sunshine in the sweetness of our Lord.
There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

Sacrament of Baptism



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism for Anastazja, Rayna, & Kassidy Caldwell to affirm our belief that they are beloved children of God. Their parents, Kat and Sefton, are here to promise to raise them in the life of faith. They are joined by the girls' God-parents; Jen Dupuis & Ben Caldwell (Rayna), Jon & Wendy Knight (Anastazja), and Deb Morin & Bobby Friberg (Kassidy).

BAPTISMAL HYMN

'I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry'

No. 75

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.

"KNOW"

**The parting words Jesus gave to those he healed were often as much balm as the healing act itself. We hear words of encouragement from the One who makes beauty from brokenness.*

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

'Grace Lifted Me'

arr. Patti Drennan

DOXOLOGY

'My Tribute'

No. 39

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"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?

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Now go with confidence
that the One Who Is Living Water
is already cleansing, renewing, and clarifying our lives,
recovering our depth of love for all
and our joy of living in this world.

May the words of Jesus ring in your ears:
"Do you believe it is possible?"

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

Amen.

[reprise of theme song]

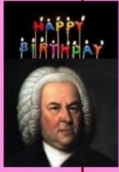
**ALL SING: Vessels, holy and whole
Broken, needing the One
Open, body and soul
Healer, come.**

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
Alisa Cassola, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

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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2022 Lenten Friday Take-Out Dinners Overview

One less thing to do on Friday night. During the remaining 4 Fridays of Lent, Christ Congregational Church (CCC) will be selling dinners for pick-up. Friday, March 18th through Friday, April 8th swing by the CCC church kitchen between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. for a fully prepared, delicious meal.

Here are the Lenten Friday Weekly Dinner Menus:

- ❖ Lasagna and Meatballs - Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 16th for Friday March 18th
Description: Lasagna is meatless - pasta; ricotta, cheddar and mozzarella cheeses; tomato basil sauce. Meatballs - hamburger, sauce
- ❖ Corn Chowder or Kale Soup - Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 23rd for Friday March 25th
Description: Corn Chowder: Corn, potatoes, onion, chicken broth, salt pork Gluten-Free
Kale Soup: Kale, potatoes, chorizo, chicken stock, onions, white beans Gluten-Free
- ❖ Chicken, Broccoli and Ziti or Rice - Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 30th for Friday April 1st
Description: Chicken breast; broccoli; ziti or rice Rice option is Gluten-Free
- ❖ Shepherd's Pie - Order/Pay by noon Wednesday April 6th for Friday April 8th
Description: Hamburger, Potatoes, corn, cheddar cheese Gluten-Free

Also Available for Purchase Each Week are:

- Macaroni and Cheese
- Dessert

As noted 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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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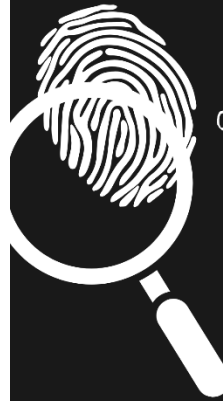
CCC YOUTH GROUP

Live-Action Clue
Game

Can you figure out who did
what?

Sunday, March 20th
1-2:30pm
CCC Sanctuary

RSVP -
Pastor Ann-Marie or Deana



Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
 2. Be still, my soul: for God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall dwell with God for - ev - er more,

Trust in your God, your sav - ior and your guide,
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855, alt.
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933

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Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorn - y ways leads to a peace - ful end.
 the voice that calmed them in this world be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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 half 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 half note followed by a quarter note, then a half note with a slur over it. The bass line continues with chords.

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

The third system features a key change to two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is more rhythmic with eighth notes. The bass line has chords with some eighth notes.

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

The fourth system continues in D major and 4/4 time. It includes a first ending bracket labeled '1.' at the end of the system.

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. The bass line has a final chord.

* Small notes only on repeat

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

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75 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

Unison

1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 3. When you heard the won - der of the word I was
 5. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.

2. I was there when you were but a child, with a
 4. If you find some - one to share your time and you
 6. When the eve - ning gen - tly clos - es in and you

WORDS and MUSIC: John Ylvisaker, 1985

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faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Deuteronomy 32:11

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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There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole,

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Fine

Unison

1. Some - times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain, but
2. If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can
3. Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend; and

then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 tell the love of Je - sus, and say, "He died for all!"
 if you lack for knowl-edge He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

D.C.

WORDS: African-American spiritual
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Harold Moyer

BALM IN GILEAD
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