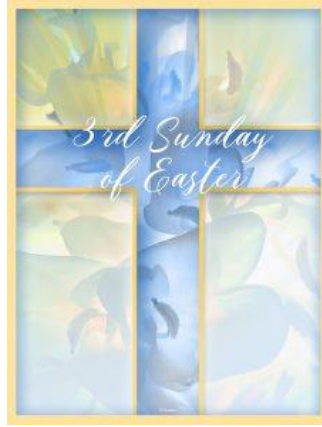




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



May 1, 2022

9:55 am

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

'Give Me a Clean Heart'

Margaret J. Douroux

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

***THRESHOLD MOMENT** (*Music – 'Lead Me Lord' No. 593*)

Leader: Holy One, Provider, Our ever-present help - in our emptiness you remind us of your presence, in your abundance you remind us you are here.

(sung together)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Leader: With a love that conquers death you remind us we are yours. Holy! Holy! Holy! To the Ever-present One - let us pray.

O Risen One, you are with us! Your ways are ways of justice. Your ways are ways of peace. Your ways are ways of love. In You, our hearts are full. In your ways we will follow. Amen.

(sung together)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

***HYMN**

'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ'

No. 422

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Lover of Creation, forgive us. We have not loved ourselves. We have not loved our neighbors. We have not followed in your ways and we have rebelled against your love. Forgive us. Engage us. Reshape our imaginations! Trade our complacency for your courage, our pettiness for your possibility, our greed for your goodness, our aimlessness for your adventure - our lives for your love. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Open your hearts. Hear the good news! God has not abandoned us, God has not sent us out to find our own way. God is with us, all around us, at work within us. In the name of all that is, you are welcome into the grace and mercy and forgiveness of the Creator of our hearts.

ALL: Glory to God, the Giver of Life! Amen.

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

'Create In Me'

No. 519

***LIGHTING OF THE PEACE LAMP & PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Please share a socially distanced sign of Christ's peace with those closest to you and with those worshiping with us from home.

SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-19

Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing."

They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don't want to go." He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

ANTHEM

'Lord of the Dance'

arr. John Ferguson

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.

***HYMN**

'Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us'

No. 558

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

In a world that lives out of scarcity you call us to a life of abundance, O God. You offer grace and mercy. You heal us, you carry us. In you, we live. In you, we move. In you, we are made whole. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God.

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OFFERTORY

'Alleluia, Praise the Lord'

Don Besig

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'Majesty'

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God may these gifts be used to bring life and love and liberation for this world which you so dearly love. Amen.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene - and on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Diverse people from various lived experiences come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Leader: This table is open to all who are created in the image of God, and who wish to be in closer relationship to God and the whole of creation.

COMMUNION 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 Most High!

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Let us pray - We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and for calling us to be your people. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere, and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We rejoice that in the fullness of time you came to us and received our nature, in the person of Jesus, through whose life, ministry, death, and resurrection delivered us from the way of sin and death. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every people to unite us in one holy church. Therefore with the entire company of the saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

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

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!

REMEMBERING THE STORY

Leader: We remember that on the night of betrayal Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, O God, he broke the bread giving it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat - this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving thanks to you, O God, he gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you - this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith,

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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: Holy one, we spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

People: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ, and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE CUP

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

**Communion today will be served by members of the congregation coming forward to receive the elements. Please proceed down the center aisle to receive a piece of bread from one of the pastors. Consume the bread and then move to the cup and do the same. Once you have received communion please return to your seat in the pews using the side aisle. If you are not able to come forward for communion, please let one of our Deacons know and communion will be brought to you.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(in unison)*

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN**

'Thine is the Glory'

No. 218

***BENEDICTION**

Now friends go forth into the world to serve God with gladness. Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, and render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve God rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit and as you go from our worship today...

May God be in your going.
May Christ be in your doing.
May the Spirit be in your learning.
Go in peace to love and serve God throughout the world.
Amen.

(reprise of opening threshold moment)

ALL SING: Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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



Christ Congregational Church, UCC

SAVE THE DATE

ARTISAN'S, VENDORS AND YARD SALES

Saturday, May 7th 2022

9am - 2pm

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

Rent your own table:
 \$15 Church Members - \$25 Outside Vendors
 Or donate for the church to sell

Volunteers Needed!

Call the office to sign up (see info counter)
 or for more info
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NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

@ Christ Congregational Church

MAY 8TH, 2022 DURING WORSHIP

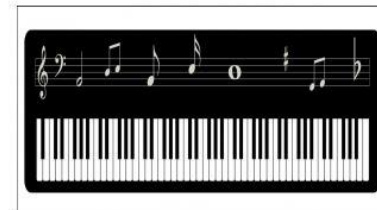
If you're interested in joining
 Or you want to know more
 Contact Pastor Jeff for more details!

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ARTS & MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH PRESENTS:

MIDDAY MUSIC
"Re-Imagining Brahms"

Wednesday May 11th
at 12:15 pm
Anton Fine,
Multi Media Performance



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CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA

SAVE THE DATE FOR:

THE SPRING 2022 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 22nd - After Worship

Details such as warrant, Zoom link information, annual report packets, etc will be forthcoming by Sunday May 8th

Lead Me, Lord

593

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make thy way

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes F3, E3, and D3. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note G3, followed by quarter notes F3, E3, and D3. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

thou, Lord, on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a half note G3. The bass staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The piece concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

WORDS: Based on Psalms 5:8; 4:8
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME LORD
lrr.

422 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy. Reach - ing out with a
 2. Christ is a - ble to make us one. At the ta - ble he
 3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

Marcas, tambourine, and other rhythm instruments may also be used.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1975
 MUSIC: Jamaican folk melody, adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

LINSTEAD
 LM w. refrain

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earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Unison

Cre- ate in

me a new heart, so that I'll give you more than part of this, the

life you've giv-en me, cre- ate in me a new heart, then will I

teach, and oth-ers know, and I will learn, my faith will grow. With you I

can cre-ate new dreams, with you I can change less-er schemes, O God, new

WORDS and MUSIC: Gayle Schoepf, 1988

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MILLAR
Irr.

♩ = 72-80

joy and a new start! Cre-ate in me a new heart.

1. Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;
 2. We are thine; do thou be- friend us; be the guard-ian of our way;
 3. Ear-ly let us seek thy fa- vor; ear-ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre- pare.
 keep thy flock; from sin de- fend us; seek us when we go a- stray.
 bless- ed Lord and on- ly Sav- ior, with thy love our spir- its fill.

Bless- ed Je- sus, bless- ed Je- sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless- ed Je- sus, bless- ed Je- sus, hear thy chil- dren when we pray;
 Bless- ed Je- sus, bless- ed Je- sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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Thine Is the Glory

1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son,
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom;
 Life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love.

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 Bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1746

MACCABEUS
 55.65.65.65 w. refrain

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