



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



May 8, 2022

9:55 am

AN ASTERISK IN THE BULLETIN INDICATES THAT ALL FOR WHOM IT IS COMFORTABLE SHOULD RISE FOR THAT PART OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

'Ye Sons and Daughters'

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

Leader: We gather once more as a great multitude from various peoples and places, we've come.

ALL: Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power be to our God.

Leader: We gather once more to shout "Alleluia!" salvation belongs to the Holy One.

ALL: Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power be to our God.

Leader: We gather to worship day and night the one who guides us to the springs of life.

ALL: Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power be to our God.

(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: God, our shepherd - Restorer of our souls.

Now, let us worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

(sung together)

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For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: God, as you call us more intentionally into the fullness of life that abounds in your presence, let us acknowledge the ways our unbelief has separated us from your vision for our lives and all creation.

Brief Silence

ALL: God, we confess that we often let hopelessness have too much power over our lives. In the face of crisis, our faith has frequently faltered. In the midst of calamity, our fearlessness has faded. In the presence of tribulation, our worry has weakened our ability to act justly. Help our unbelief, O God! Bring us back to you, Great Redeemer. Remind us of the unfailing treasure that is in your love and care for all of creation - for your grace is sufficient, from the valley of death to the tables you've prepared for us. Embolden us, again, and revive our spirits. Amen.

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS & LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News - God believes in us even when our belief in God is challenged. God's grace and mercy abounds, and in God and Christ, we are forgiven. Let this be our peace. Let this be our comfort. Let this be why we praise God. May the peace of Christ be with you all!

ALL: And also with you.

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

***HYMN**

'Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth'

No. 83

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

'Create In Me'

No. 519

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23 (King James Version) & John 10:22-30 (Common English Bible)

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

John 10:22-30

The time came for the Festival of Dedication^[a] in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple, walking in the covered porch named for Solomon. The Jewish opposition circled around him and asked, "How long will you test our patience? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I have told you, but you don't believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you don't believe because you don't belong to my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

ANTHEM

'My Shepherd, You Supply My Need'

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming our newest members: Bridget Barrows-Penn, Ian Penn, and Elisha Ribeiro

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

We believe in the God of justice and righteousness, and God believes in us to carry forth the mission of loving and caring for community. Let us now share our gifts and resources so that we may continue to walk humbly with God and with our neighbors.

www.brocktonucc.org/donate/

OFFERTORY

'Precious Lord, Take My Hand'

Thomas A. Dorsey

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'Give Thanks'

No. 528

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a sign of our belief in the God who saves, heals, and sets free. Let these gifts, and the works of our hands and feet, be a blessing to all in need. Amen..

***HYMN**

'Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun'

No. 95

***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)

**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

¹McClain, Rev. Mia M. "Easter 4 - May 8, 2022." *United Church of Christ*, 21 Mar. 2022, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-4-may-8-2022/>.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given on this Mother's Day in loving memory of my beloved wife Barbara Jane Simmons Weatherbee.

Love,
Brad Weatherbee

Due to concerns about weather for this weekend the decision has been made to reschedule the church yard sale.

We will hold the yard sale on our previously stated rain date, which is NEXT SATURDAY MAY 14TH.

The yard sale will still run from 9 am to 2 pm and tables can still be rented for \$15 to members or for \$25 to outside vendors. Donations and volunteers are also still welcome! Please contact the church office with any questions you might have.

Christ Congregational Church, UCC
SAVE THE DATE
ARTISAN'S, VENDORS YARD SALE
~~Saturday, May 14th 2022~~
RESCHEDULED!!
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
(508)586-3022

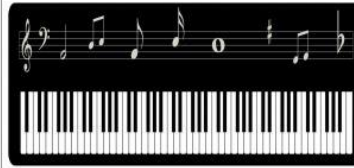
ARTS & MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH

PRESENTS:



MIDDAY MUSIC "Re-Imagining Brahms"

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



FREE EVENT
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CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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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

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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 melody line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5, then a half note D5. The accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B-flat3, and C4, then a half note D4.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a quarter rest followed by a half note G4, then quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff accompaniment features a half note G3, quarter notes A3, B-flat3, and C4, and a half note D4.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff melody includes quarter notes G4, A4, B-flat4, and C5, followed by a half note D5. The bass staff accompaniment includes a half note G3, quarter notes A3, B-flat3, and C4, and a half note D4. The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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

LEAD ME LORD
lrr.

83 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

1. Moth-er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2. Moth-er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3. Moth-er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of

morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, Source of
 me your food of light, grain of life, and
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I

ev - 'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my
 grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my
 root and grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I

sun; you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 peace; your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 know; un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

WORDS: Jean Janzen, 1991, based on the writings of Julian of Norwich (14th century)
 MUSIC: Brent Stratten, 1994

JULIAN
 LM w. repeat

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♩=52-58

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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Give Thanks

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Unison $\frac{4}{4}$



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One; give

thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ his Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the

poor say "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us And us. Give us. Give thanks!

WORDS and MUSIC: Henry Smith, 1978

GIVE THANKS
Irr.

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$\text{♩} = 60-68$

95 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Descant

5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise with song;

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
 2. To Christ shall end - less prayer be made,
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise with song;

hon - or and praise to Christ be - long

1. does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
 2. and end - less prais - es crown his head;
 3. dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
 4. all pris - oners leap to lose their chains,
 5. hon - or and praise to Christ be - long;

an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and

1. his love shall spread from shore to shore
 2. his name like sweet per - fume shall rise
 3. and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
 4. the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
 5. an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793; desc. Erik Routley, alt.

DUKE STREET
 LM

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earth re - peat the loud a - men!

1. till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2. with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3. their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 4. and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5. and earth re - peat the loud a - men!