



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



May 15, 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

'This is My Song'

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

Leader: Celebrate our God, from the plains to the mountains!

Many: Celebrate our God, from the waters and hills.

Leader: Sing to our God who designed creation.

Many: Fill the air with song to the One who painted the world with love.

(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: Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

Many: Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.

Leader: Let us pray...

(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.**

***PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND GROWTH** *(in unison)*

God of Awe and Harmony - we were given the great commandment to love one another the way you, the Christ, the Spirit, loves us. And yet, the way we love becomes conditional. What events have distorted our view of Divine Love? How can we return to a simple but radical way of loving? Transform our hearts as we work to understand one another, creating an earth which reflects God's heaven. Amen.

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

Leader: The Spirit of God heals our hearts,
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** 'Down by the Riverside' No. 673

A TIME FOR ALL AGES Pastor Ann-Marie Illsley

***SONG OF PREPARATION** 'Help us Accept Each Other' No. 487

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring.

SERMON Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

SPECIAL MUSIC 'All My Hope is in Jesus' arr. David Crowder/Edmond Martin Cash
Sung by Barret & Murray Kidd

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** 'In Christ There Is No East or West' No. 687

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

We have the tools we need to love one another. Through our talents, treasures, and time, we can create God's Realm here on earth. Our contributions - no matter the size - will craft a world which reflects God's love. Let us now receive this morning's offering.

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OFFERTORY 'Amazing Grace' arr. Jack Tempchin/words by John Newton
Sung by Barret & Murray Kidd

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'Give Thanks' No. 528

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*in unison*)

Loving God, Holy Vessel of Kindness - we glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, more peace, more justice, and more hope. Amen.

***HYMN** 'Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna' No. 222

***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
Barret Kidd, Guest Musician



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Daniel Harrigan and are in honor of his birthday.

Love,
Cara & Ethan Harrigan

Christ Church's Planned Giving Workshop



Rockland Trust's Financial Education Officer Julie Beckham and Bill Logan from the Investment Management Group are coming to share about Planned Giving and answer questions.

NOTE: Recording will be available for those who register. Childcare available upon request. More info coming in near weekly email

When: Saturday May 21st, 2022, at 10:00AM

Where: Christ Congregational Church (In person and on Zoom)

Questions reach out to deb@act-cpa.com or office@brocktonucc.org



Want more information on Financial Literacy? Scan the QR code to find Julie Beckham's podcasts!



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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 righ-teous-ness, make thy way

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ-teous-ness, make thy way".

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

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,".

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

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "thou, Lord, on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.".

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

LEAD ME LORD
Irr.

Down by the Riverside

Leader *Response*

1. Gon - na lay down my sword and shield,
2. Gon - na lay down my bur - den, down by the riv - er - side,

Leader

down by the riv - er - side, down by the riv - er - side; gon - na
gon - na

Response

lay down my sword and shield, down by the riv - er - side, gon - na
lay down my bur - den,

stud - y war no more. I ain't gon - na stud - y war no

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

STUDY WAR NO MORE

Irr.

more, ain't gon - na stud - y war no more, ain't gon - na stud - y

war no more, ain't gon - na stud - y war no more, ain't gon - na
stud - y war no more, I ain't gon - na

stud - y war no more, ain't gon - na stud - y war no more.

Help Us Accept Each Other

487

Unison

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1974
 MUSIC: John Ness Beck, 1977

ACCEPTANCE
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In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev' - ry - where their
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west in

him no south or north, but one com - mu - ni -
 high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be; all chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north; all lov - ing hearts are

ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.
 MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, c. 1830

ST. PETER
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Give Thanks

528

Unison 



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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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Unison

1. Christ is ris-en! Shout ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days.
 2. Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of des-pair.
 3. Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.

Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der; all cre-a-tion is a-mazed.
 Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend;
 Tell its grim, de-mon-ic cho-rus: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"

Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.
 Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
 God the first and last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na ev-ery-one!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1984
 MUSIC: Polish carol; arr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1926; harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

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