



**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



May 22, 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**

'I've Got Peace Like a River'

African American Spiritual

**THRESHOLD MOMENT<sup>1</sup>**

(Music – 'Lead Me, Guide Me' No. 583)

Leader: Let the Creator be home among us

**Many: In our hearts, may God be welcome**

Leader: May God's love shape our every thought

**Many: May our actions lead to God's justice**

*(sung together)*

**Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.**

Leader: May our words be words of life

**Many: May God's Spirit lead us**

Leader: May God's peace dwell within us

**Many: May God's Spirit lead us. Amen.**

*(sung together)*

**Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.**

**\*PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND GROWTH<sup>2</sup> (in unison)**

God of Love, we confess that we have shortchanged the word love for a fleeting feeling, something that does not require obligation. We say we love everyone but then gossip and slander. We seek power and wealth over others, putting our desires above other's needs. We determine who is worthy of help and who is not based on our judgments and not on Your love. We have not loved others as You have loved us. Loving God, call us back into the ways of Your generous and abundant love, to seek to serve one another, especially the ones we might find unlovable. Grant us Your mercy and grace to repent and seek to restore what we have broken. Call us into the hard work of reparation and restoration. In the name of Christ Jesus, who laid down his life for all of us, we pray. Amen.

**\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS & LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE<sup>2</sup>**

Leader: 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**

'I've Got Peace Like a River'

No. 530

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

Pastor Ann-Marie Illsley

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION**

'Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace'

Marty Haugen

**SCRIPTURE**

**Acts 16:11-15**

We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

**SERMON**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

**ANTHEM**

'Simple Praise'

Craig Courtney

**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.

## CALL FOR OFFERINGS<sup>1</sup>

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OFFERTORY	'Healing River'	Fran Minkoff/Fred Hellerman
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE	'Halle-Halle-Hallelujah'	No. 41
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
*HYMN	'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'	No. 25
*BENEDICTION <sup>1</sup>		

May the love of God go with us. May God's love saturate our memories. May God's love overwhelm us. God is love. As we carry God's love within us, may we carry God's love to the world around us. Go forth in the love of God. 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: Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me..**

## 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

<sup>1</sup>Howard, Michael Anthony. "Easter 6c - May 22, 2022." *United Church of Christ*, 17 May 2022, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-6c-may-22-2022/>.

<sup>2</sup>Welton-Mitchell, Rev. Mindi. "Worship Resources for May 22nd, 2022—Sixth Sunday of Easter" *Rev-O-Lution*, 17 May 2022, <http://rev-o-lution.org/worship-resources-for-may-22nd-2022-sixth-sunday-of-easter/>

## Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

WORDS: Doris Akers, 1953  
 MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1953; harm. Richard Smallwood

LEAD ME GUIDE ME  
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Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

# I've Got Peace Like a River

530

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
 2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a  
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my  
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in my  
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.  
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.  
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.

WORDS: African-American spiritual  
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual

PEACE LIKE A RIVER  
 77.10

# Halle-Halle-Halleluja

41

G D G C Am D  
 Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja.

G B7 Em Am D7 G C G D  
 Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.

MUSIC: Caribbean

25 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Descant*

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo - ples and

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour - ish thy life and re -  
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo - ples and

rac - es, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold

1. a tion. O my soul, wor - ship the well - spring of health and sal -  
 2. reign - eth, who, as on wings of an ea - gle up - lift - ed, sus -  
 3. fend thee. Sure - ly God's good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -  
 4. store thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -  
 5. rac - es, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.;  
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grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a -

1. va tion. All ye who hear, now to God's tem - ple draw  
 2. tain - eth. Hast thou not seen? All that is need - ful hath  
 3. tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can  
 4. fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth  
 5. grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a -

gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

1. near. Join me in glad ad - o - ra tion.  
 2. been grant - ed in what God or - dain - eth.  
 3. do, who with great love doth be - friend thee.  
 4. speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.  
 5. gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.