



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



July 3, 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

***THRESHOLD MOMENT¹** (*Music – ‘Weave’ No. 495 Chalice Hymnal*)

Leader: Make a joyful sound to the Holy One. Let the earth rejoice.

ALL: How awesome are your works, O Sovereign!

Leader: Creation groans under the pressure of war, environmental abuse, and communal disconnection.

ALL: We cry out to you, Present God, and you hear and respond.

(sung together)

Weave, weave, weave us together.

Weave us together in unity and love.

Weave, weave, weave us together.

Weave us together, together in love.

Leader: O God, you turn our mourning into movement and stir our souls to action and to rest.

ALL: Everlasting God, we will give thanks and we will praise you - for you clothe us in joy and in peace.

(sung together)

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***HYMN**

‘I’ve Got Peace Like a River’

No. 530

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹ (in unison)

Spirit of the Living God, temptation surrounds us. Self-preservation lures us to indifference. Fear of confrontation coaxes us to keep silent about things that matter. The desire to be right entices us to ignore the cries of our neighbors. Too often we ignore the call to go and to be in favor of staying stuck in our attitudes and behaviors. Too often, we are the ones who refuse to welcome you into our intimate space, who resist the work of transformation, and who remain unresponsive to the burdens of our siblings in creation. Spirit of Gentleness, redirect us back to the path of life, the way of justice, and the hope of peace. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS¹**SONG OF PREPARATION**

'Lead Me, Guide Me'

No. 583

SCRIPTURE**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.' Whenever you enter a city and the people don't welcome you, go out into the streets and say, 'As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God's kingdom has come to you.'

Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy-two returned joyously, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name."

Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Look, I have given you authority to crush snakes and scorpions underfoot. I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, don't rejoice because the spirits submit to you. Rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'O God of Every Nation'

No. 680

PASTORAL PRAYER**HYMN**

'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

No. 631

CALL FOR OFFERINGS¹

The generous life responds to the call to mutuality and burden sharing. The generous life recognizes the abundance of creation and trusts the generosity of the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The generous life follows the steps of Jesus in meeting needs, spreading hope, and sharing love. Let us now receive this morning's offering.

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OFFERTORY

Sung by Carol Bradford

'Offertory'

by John Ness/Courtney

*DOXOLOGY

'My Tribute'

No. 39

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Friends, God is here.

People: God's Spirit is with us.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the God of love.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have sent your Own as the Savior of the world and your Spirit to graft us into the vine of life. In your Child, Jesus Christ, we have seen your promises fulfilled, and through the resurrection...

People: Christ has broken the power of death.

Leader: In your perfect love, our fear is cast out and now, like branches of a vine, we live in Christ and draw our life from Christ...

People: ...that we might bear much fruit to your glory.

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

'Spirit Seeking Light and Beauty'

trad. DOMHNACH TRIONIDE

Sung by Carol Bradford

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Leader: This bread that we have broken is the bread of life. It is the sign of Christ's body.

People: It is the sign of our unity with one another in the Spirit of love and peace.

Leader: Take, eat, and be one with him.

Leader: This is Jesus, the true vine, without whom we can do nothing. This cup is a sign of God's ever flowing love, through the true vine, into our very lives.

People: Through this cup we receive God's love, which will enable us to bear good fruit.

Leader: Take, drink, and be one in his love.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

God of all fruitfulness, we thank you for giving us the true vine, Jesus Christ. We know that Christ abides in us by the Spirit given to us. Separated from Christ we can do nothing. Enable us to love one another, not only in word, but in truth and action, just as Christ has commanded us. We ask this in the name of our Savior. Amen.

HYMN

'Lead On, O Cloud of Presence'

No. 633

*BENEDICTION¹

Go out into the world with courage, showing the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. And may the blessing of God, creator, redeemer and sanctifier be your ever-present assurance that you are a beloved and precious child of God. Amen.

(sung together)

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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

Carol Bradford, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. "Pentecost 4C - July 3." *United Church of Christ*, 14 June 2022, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-4c-july-3/>.

Musical Meditation

With Anton Faynberg

Every Wednesday at 3:30 PM
In the sanctuary at Christ Congregational Church

Come for a meditative musical service that further reflects upon our readings and themes from the previous Sunday.

For more information please contact the church office.



YOU'RE INVITED!

TO:

Wednesday Bible Study

10:00 AM each Wednesday
On Zoom

For more details, or to get the Zoom link, contact:
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CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA

JULY
3RD

AUGUST
7TH

SPLASH SUNDAYS

JOIN US AFTER CHURCH FOR WATER GAMES AND FUN IN THE SUN! BRING A BAG LUNCH AND A BATHING SUIT (OR CLOTHES YOU DON'T MIND GETTING WET). ALL AGES WELCOMED!

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

Stay today for some FUN!!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 17th, 2022 (after worship)

Join us as we get to know our friends from First Congregational UCC in Stoughton!



Join us on July 17th after worship to welcome and get to know our friends from First Congregational UCC in Stoughton! We have recently entered into conversations with the Stoughton church to talk about how we might integrate our ministries together, and a key part of that process is not only welcoming them to our place of worship - but it also involves getting to know these siblings in Christ just as well as we know one another. We are asking all of our members to please make every effort to join us on this day to show our friends from Stoughton that we are with them through this journey.

OFFERTORY:

'Offertory'

By John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, Shall I come before God with yearling calves?
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil
 Shall I give God my first born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

God has shown you O man. God has shown you what is good.
 And what does the lord require of you , but to do justice and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God.

COMMUNION:

'Spirit Seeking Light and Beauty'

Janet Stuart Gaelic

Spirit seeking light and beauty, heart that longest for thy rest,
 Soul that asketh understanding, only thus can ye be blest.
 Thro' the vastness of creation, tho' your restless thought may roam,
 God is all that you can long for, God is all the creatures' home.

Taste and feel it, feel and hear it, hope and grasp the unseen hand:
 Tho' the darkness seem to hide it, faith and love can understand.
 God who lovest all thy creatures all our hearts are known to thee;
 Lead us thro' the land of shadows to thy blest eternity.

Weave

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Chord progression for the first system: Eb, Gm, Fm, Eb, Fm, Eb.

Chord progression for the second system: Fm, Bb, Eb, Gm, Fm, Eb.

Chord progression for the third system: Fm, Eb, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979

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WEAVE
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♩=48-52

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

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
Irr.

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Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

O God of Every Nation

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1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3. Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us, and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion that lures us from your way,
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us, and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

WORDS: William W. Reid, Jr., 1958, alt.
 MUSIC: Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927

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 76.76D

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 music adapt. and harm. used by permission of Oxford University Press

♩=52-56

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

WORDS: James Weldon Johnson, 1921
 MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

LIFT EVERY VOICE
 Irr.

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♩=64-70

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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
Irr.

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♩=92-100

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence 633

1. Lead on, O cloud of pres- ence; the ex - o - dus is come;
 2. Lead on, O fi - ery pil - lar; we fol - low yet with fears,
 3. Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide us on our way,

in wil - der - ness and des - ert our tribe shall make its home.
 but we shall come re - joic - ing, though joy be born of tears.
 and help us trust the prom - ise through strug - gle and de - lay.

Our bond - age left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow.
 We are not lost, though wan - d'ring, for by your light we come,
 We pray our sons and daugh - ters may jour - ney to that land

We seek the land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.
 and we are still God's peo - ple. The jour - ney is our home.
 where jus - tice dwells with mer - cy and love is law's de - mand.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1974, rev. 1989
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835

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