



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



June 26, 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

THE LOVE OF CHRIST FOR EACH PERSON KNOWS NO BOUNDS, AND...

We, at Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Brockton, celebrate the diversity of God's creation and seek to be a community of Christians who live in openness to the voice of the Still Speaking God.

We celebrate family in all its diverse forms and honor, support, and bless all loving and committed relationships.

As we seek to live our mission to live Christ's compassion and promote justice, healing, and wholeness of life, we welcome into our community persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing and family structure.

We invite and welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love.

We remember our promises made at baptism, therefore no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to this United Church of Christ.

## **RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

'A Place at the Table'

by Lori True

**\*THRESHOLD MOMENT<sup>1</sup>** (*Excerpts from Psalm 16 & Weave # 495 Chalice Hymnal*)

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;

**ALL: You hold my lot.**

Leader: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

**ALL: I have a goodly heritage**

(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: Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices;

**ALL: My body also rests secure.**

Leader: You show me the path of life.

**ALL: In your presence there is fullness of joy.**

(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.

**\*HYMN**

'All the Colors of the Rainbow'<sup>2</sup>

(see insert)

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley

**TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>** (*excerpts from "Hymn for the Hurting" by Amanda Gorman*)

PULPIT: Everything hurts, Our hearts shadowed and strange, Minds made muddy and mute. We carry tragedy, terrifying and true.

EAGLE: Everything hurts, It's hard to be alive.

PULPIT: This alarm is how we know, We must be altered - that we must differ or die, That we must triumph or try. Thus while hate cannot be terminated, it can be transformed into a love that lets us live.

EAGLE: May we not just grieve, but give; May we not just ache, but act;

PULPIT: Maybe everything hurts, Our hearts shadowed and strange. But only when everything hurts, May everything change.

**TIME OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the Good News - 2 Cor. 5:17; Rev. 21:5

Eva Lomba

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

'Standing in the Need of Prayer'

No. 579

**A MODERN LESSON**

Doug Anderson

**AN ANCIENT LESSON**

Galatians 5:1, 13-14, 16a, 22, 25

Doe Fisher

For freedom, Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of bondage. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but by love, serve one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Live by the Spirit... the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**SERMON**

"If anybody asks you who I am..."

Rev. Katrina Clinton

**ANTHEM**

'Be Not Afraid'

Taylor Davis

**PASTORAL PRAYER<sup>5</sup>**

"An Inclusive Church" by Eugene G. Turner

Rev. Jeff Kardisco

God, who revealed to Peter / both the circumcised and the uncircumcised / are welcome into your kingdom;

God, who promised your Spirit / will be an advisor to the faithful / and a comforter to the hurting;

We pray your Spirit will lead the church / toward insights on how all of your people / can experience the welcome / that Peter, in your Name / offered to the uncircumcised Gentiles - especially those whom the church rejects / due to race, sex and sexual orientation.

God, whose grace knows no boundaries / teach us to avoid erecting barriers / to human experiences / that cannot be found in your kingdom. Amen.

**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**

'O God of Every Nation'

No. 680

**INVITATION TO BE GENEROUS<sup>4</sup>**

Eva Lomba

God is Good all the time. Our response is to give generously in time, talent, and treasure. This is how we are led by the Spirit to show the fruits of the Spirit. Our morning offering with now be given and received.

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**OFFERTORY***Sung by Alisa Cassola*

'Fearfully, Wonderfully Made'

Crabtree &amp; Whitehill

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'My Tribute'

No. 39

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Katrina Clinton

**\*HYMN**

'In the Midst of New Dimensions'

NCH No.391

## \*BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>

Rev. Katrina Clinton

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)

Weave, weave, weave us together.  
Weave us together in unity and love.  
Weave, weave, weave us together.  
Weave us together, together in love.

## POSTLUDE

Improvisations on “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” and “What a Wonderful World”  
Anton Faynberg

<sup>1</sup>Duncan, Geoffrey, and Jay Hulme. *Courage to Love: Liturgies for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community*, Pilgrim Press, 2002, pp. 97–97.

<sup>2</sup>Carl Daw, ABBOT’S LEIGH; Hope Publishing Co. from The Hymn Society collection “Songs for the Holy Other”

<sup>3</sup>Excerpts from “Hymn for the Hurting” by Amanda Gorman

<sup>4</sup>Written by Rev. Katrina Clinton for Christ Congregational Church’s PRIDE worship service, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2022.

<sup>5</sup>Turner, Eugene G, and Geoffrey Duncan. “An Inclusive Church.” *Courage to Love: Liturgies for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community*, Pilgrim Press, Cleveland, 2002, pp. 85–86.

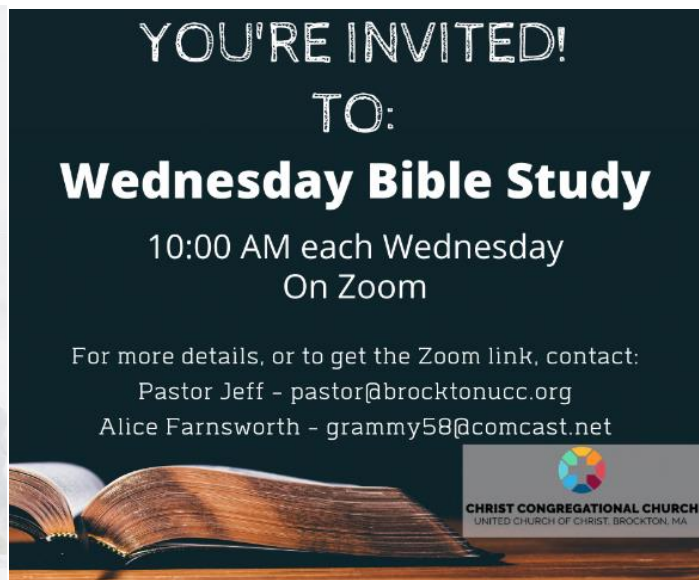


**Musical Meditation**  
With Anton Faynberg  
Every Wednesday at 3:30 PM  
In the sanctuary at Christ Congregational Church

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.

The poster features a woman in a blue dress sitting in a field of green grass, looking towards a large, ethereal blue and white smoke-like formation in the sky.



**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
**TO:**  
**Wednesday Bible Study**  
10:00 AM each Wednesday  
On Zoom

For more details, or to get the Zoom link, contact:  
Pastor Jeff - [pastor@brocktonucc.org](mailto:pastor@brocktonucc.org)  
Alice Farnsworth - [grammy58@comcast.net](mailto:grammy58@comcast.net)

  
**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
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The poster features a large, open, aged book with yellowed pages, resting on a wooden surface.

# Weave

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The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system has a vocal line with notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4 and a bass line with notes Eb3, G3, Bb3, C4, Bb3, A3, G3. The second system has a vocal line with notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4 and a bass line with notes Eb3, G3, Bb3, C4, Bb3, A3, G3. The third system has a vocal line with notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4 and a bass line with notes Eb3, G3, Bb3, C4, Bb3, A3, G3.

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

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

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

Vocal lyrics: Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth- er in u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth- er, to- geth- er in love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979

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WEAVE  
Irr.

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# All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

ABBOT'S LEIGH  
Cyril V. Taylor

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,  
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:  
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:  
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;  
head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;  
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie - den, Mir,  
Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:  
so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:  
Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:  
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.  
var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."  
long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.  
and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

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579 Standing in the Need of Prayer

*Refrain*

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, stand-ing in the

need of prayer. It's me (it's me), it's

me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer. *Fine*

1. Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's  
 2. Not the preach - er, not the teach - er, but it's  
 3. Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's  
 4. Not the strang - er, not my neigh - bor, but it's

me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's  
 Not the preach - er, not the teach - er, but it's  
 Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's  
 Not the strang - er, not my neigh - bor, but it's

*D. C.*  
 me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

WORDS: African-American spiritual  
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. William Farley Smith, 1986

PENITENT  
 irr.

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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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

# In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ple, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,  
 3 As we stand a world di-vid-ed by our own self- seek-ing schemes,  
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-dering in their sep-arate ways?  
 Who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?  
 Grant that we, your glob-al vil-lage, might en-vi-sion wid-er dreams.  
 Each a gift in your cre-a-tion, each a love song to be sung.  
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.

Refrain  
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain  
 Julian Rush, 1985  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994