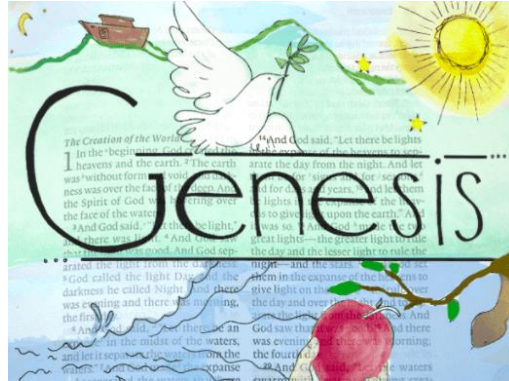




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



July 17, 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

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: As Abraham welcomed the strangers

People: So God welcomes us.

Leader: God greets us with joy

People: and says, "rest here for awhile."

Leader: God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

People: God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.

Leader: So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

People: Let us rest in this holy place, where there is shade and water, food and laughter. Let us worship God together!

OPENING PRAYER²

HYMN

'Gather Us In'

No. 284

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE *(in unison)*

Almighty and ever Gracious God, we acknowledge that we have not always enthusiastically welcomed the stranger in our midst. We have not always run to meet those who seek us, and in so doing we have missed opportunities to be in deeper relationship with you. When you have spoken your blessings into our lives we have laughed, in total disbelief - only to be amazed that your promises can always surpass whatever we might imagine. As Abraham ran in the desert to meet his three guest, as he welcomed you into his very presence, as Sarah laughed and then accepted your blessing - open our eyes to you and to your movements; so that we may embrace you and your children enthusiastically - modeling the grace that we've always known you to give. Amen.

SCRIPTURE**Genesis 18:1-15**

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant."

They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said."

So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs[a] of the finest flour and make some baked goods!" Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

They said to him, "Where's your wife Sarah?"

And he said, "Right here in the tent."

Then one of the men said, "I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!"

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I'm no longer able to have children and my husband's old.

The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Me give birth? At my age?' Is anything too difficult for the Lord? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son."

Sarah lied and said, "I didn't laugh," because she was frightened.

But he said, "No, you laughed."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

During this time, we invite you to take a moment for quiet reflection

PASTORAL PRAYER**LORD'S PRAYER** (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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

'If We Only Have Love'

Sung by Dani Kardisco & Doug Anderson

Music by Jacques Brel
Lyrics by Shuman and Blau

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

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OFFERTORY	'The Gift of Love'	arr. Hal Hopson
<i>Sung by Dani Kardisco & Doug Anderson</i>		
*DOXOLOGY	'Thank You, Lord'	No. 531
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
*HYMN	'We Are Walking in the Light of God'	No. 442
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		

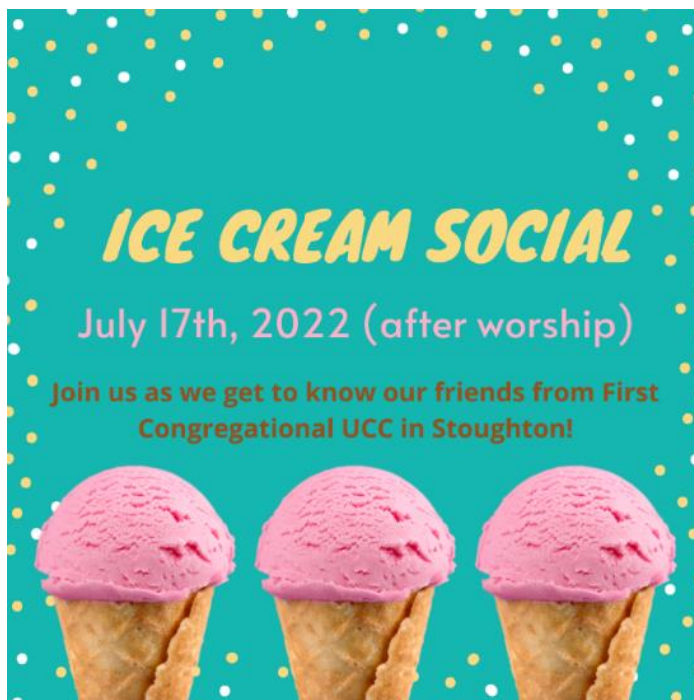
Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor
 Anton Faynberg, Organist
 Doug Anderson, Soloist
 Dani Kardisco, Soloist
 David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Harader, Joanna. "Call to Worship: Genesis 18." *Call to Worship: Genesis 18*, 2011, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/06/call-to-worship-genesis-18.html>.


²Laidlaw, Moira. "Call to Worship & Prayer: Psalm 30." *Call to Worship & Prayer: Psalm 30*, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/call-to-worship-prayer-psalm-30.html>.

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY



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
 Alice Farnsworth - grammy58@comcast.net



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.



SPECIAL MUSIC
 (Dani Kardisco & Doug Anderson)

“If We Only have Love”
 Music by Jacques Brel Lyrics by Shuman and Blau

If we only have love, then tomorrow will dawn; And the days of our years will rise on that morn.
 If we only have love, to embrace without fears; We will kiss with our eyes, we will sleep without tears.
 If we only have love, with our arms open wide; Then the young and the old will stand at our side.
 If we only have love, love that’s falling like rain:
 Then the parched desert earth will grow green again.
 If we only have love, for the hymns that we shout; for the the songs that we sing, then we’ll have a way out.

If we only have love, we can reach those in pain; we can heal all our wounds, we can use our own names.
 If we only have love, we can melt all the guns; and then give the new world to our daughters and sons.
 If we only have love, then Jerusalem stands; and then death has no shadow, there are no foreign lands.
 If we only have love, we will never bow down, we’ll be tall as the pines, neither heroes nor clowns.
 If we only have love, then we’ll be mortal ones; and we’ll drink from the Grail, rise as daughters and sons.

Then with nothing at all, but the little we are, We’ll have conquered all time, all space, the sun, and the stars.

“The Gift of Love” Hal Hopson Arranger.

Though I may speak with bravest Fire,
 And have the gift to all inspire,
 And have not love; my word are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
 And striving so my love profess,
 But not be giv’n by love within,
 The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control,
 Our spirits long to be made whole.
 Let inward love guide every deed.
 By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/B^b Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A C G

van-ish a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and yourdaugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/B^b Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981

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GATHER US IN
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♩=54-60

A C/G D/F[♯] G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com- pass-ion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

D/F[♯] G A D A C G

spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

Gm/B^b Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Live in Charity

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The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G3, A3, Bb3, and C4. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G3, A3, Bb3, and C4. The lyrics are: "Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love, live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you." The chords are: F, C, Dm, Bb, D, G, C, F, C, Dm, Gm, C, F.

F C Dm B \flat D G C

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

F C Dm Gm C³ F

live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

WORDS: Latin (9th century); tr. Taizé Community

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (20th century)

UBI CARITAS

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Thank You, Lord

1. Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
 2. Been so good, been so good, been so
 3. Been my friend, been my friend, been my

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains three measures of music, each with a different vocal line. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment for the vocal lines.

Lord,
 good,
 friend,
 I just want to thank you,
 I just want to thank you,
 I just want to thank you,
 Lord.
 Lord.
 Lord.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The top staff continues the vocal lines from the first system, with the three lines converging on the words 'I just want to thank you, Lord.' The bottom staff continues the harmonic accompaniment.

WORDS: Traditional African-American song
 MUSIC: Traditional African-American melody; harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland and
 Verolga Nix, alt.

THANK YOU, LORD
 333.7

We Are Walking

(Siyahamba/Caminando)

We are walk ing* in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -
Ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios, ca - mi -

walk - ing in the light of God. We are
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos. Si - ya -
nan - do en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

of God we are
kwen - khos' si - ya
de Dios ca - mi

walk - ing in the light of the light of God. We are
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya
nan - do en la luz de la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

of God
kwen - khos'
de Dios

* marching/singing/dancing/praying

WORDS and MUSIC: South Africa (20th century)

SIYAHAMBA
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walk - ing We are
ham - ba Si - ya
nan - do Ca - mi

walk - ing, walk - ing, we are walk - ing, walk - ing, we are
ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
nan - do va - mos, ca - mi - nan - do va - mos, ca - mi -

walk - ing in the light of God.
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos.
nan - do en la luz de Dios.