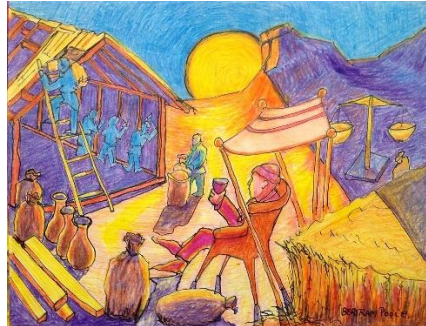




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



July 31, 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

Moriah Park

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.

People: The Holy One is in our midst. Let us say so!

Leader: We cried out to our God in the time of trouble and eased our distress.

People: The Holy One is in our midst. God leads us on right paths.

Leader: Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs.

People: The Holy One is in our midst. Consider God's steadfast love!

OPENING PRAYER¹

***HYMN**

'Give Me a Clean Heart'

No. 515

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹ (in unison)

Gracious One, you have knit us together wonderfully. You have promised your abiding presence in our lives and have guided us with love. We turn away from you and toward the path to destruction and discord. We judge our neighbors rather than love them and we fail to even honor ourselves as your beloved creation. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE¹

The God of mercy bends toward their children with love and hope. The Holy One leads us when we wander onto divergent paths and nourishes our hunger for the newness of life. In God, grace abounds freely, abundantly, and extravagantly.

SONG OF PREPARATION

'Lead Me, Guide Me'

No. 583

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:13-21

Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?"

Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy." Then he told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'Let us Love One Another'

by Arnold B Sherman

Sung by Carol Bradford

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.

HYMN

'Thank You, Lord' (SPIRITUAL)

No. 531

CALL FOR OFFERINGS¹

Jesus said, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." The promise of life abundantly invites us to trust God's provision and abundance of resources for all. We share our gifts from the abundance given to us. Let us now receive this morning's offering.

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OFFERTORY

Sung by Carol Bradford

'O Rest in the Lord'

by Felix Mendelssohn from "Elijah"

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'My Tribute'

No. 39

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

Loving God, may we demonstrate our love through these gifts. Bless them and magnify them so that all creation will benefit from your abundance and gift of life and love. We dedicate these gifts to you and to your kin-dom with all of the gratitude that we have. Amen.

*HYMN

'In Christ There Is No East or West'

No. 687

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor
Richard Spicer, Guest Organist
Carol Bradford, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. "After Pentecost c July 31, 2022." *United Church of Christ*, 15 July 2022, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-c-july-31-2022/>.

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.



AUG. 7TH
BASEBALL SUNDAY!

JOIN US AS WE WORSHIP WITH OUR FRIENDS AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC IN STOUGHTON.

First Cong. Church of Stoughton, UCC
76 Pierce St, Stoughton, MA 02072
7th August 2022 | 10 AM

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE HELD AT 1350 PLEASANT ST. ON THE 7TH SO WE CAN ALL WORSHIP TOGETHER.



On August 7th, we'll join our friends from First Congregational UCC for worship in their sanctuary in Stoughton to help us continue to get to know one another. Baseball Sunday is a summertime tradition for the folks at First Congregational Stoughton. We are invited to wear our favorite baseball attire and worship will include cracker jacks, a seventh inning stretch (where we'll sing 'Sweet Caroline' of course!) and a baseball themed sermon. A time of fellowship will follow the service with hot dogs, chips and ice cream. Please note: in order to allow us all to worship together that day, there will be no worship service in our sanctuary that morning.

'Let us Love One Another' by Arnold B Sherman

Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God. and all who know and call upon God's name are children of our Lord.

Beloved, this is what love is; not that we love God , but that God loves us and sent his only son to free us from our sin.

How can we not know our God? How can we not love our God? God sent his only son to die for all our sins.

Is there greater love than this? Is there greater love than this?

Beloved, if this is how God loves, then we should love all men, and live in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us. Let us love one another, let us love one another, let us love one another.



'O Rest in the Lord' by Felix Mendelssohn from "Elijah"

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires:

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Commit thy way unto Him: and trust in Him; commit thy way unto Him and trust in Him;

and fret not thyself because of evil doers. O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him.

wait patiently for Him; O rest in the Lord; wait patiently for Him

and He shall give thee thy heart's desires, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

O rest in the Lord, O rest in the Lord, and wait, wait patiently for Him.

Give Me a Clean Heart

Give me a clean heart so I may serve

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of three staves: a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics, a piano accompaniment in treble clef, and a bass line in bass clef. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: "Give me a clean heart so I may serve".

thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by

The second system of musical notation. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by".

thee. For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless -

The third system of musical notation. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "thee. For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless -".

WORDS: Margaret J. Douroux
MUSIC: Margaret J. Douroux; harm. Albert Denis Tessier

DOUROUX
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ings. Give me a clean heart and I'll fol-low thee.

The fourth system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ings. Give me a clean heart and I'll fol-low thee." The system ends with a double bar line.

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.

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

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: André Crouch, 1971

MY TRIBUTE
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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

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