



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



October 2, 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 'I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table' Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sue Koza

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ *(from Psalm 100)*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

People: Come into the holy courts with praise. Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

Leader: For the Lord is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness is for all generations.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** 'Help Us Accept Each Other' No. 487

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

SONG OF PREPARATION 'Hungerin' In My Soul' Pepper Choplin

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 16:14-23

Now the LORD's spirit had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. Saul's servants said to him, "Look, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. If our master just says the word, your servants will search for someone who knows how to play the lyre. The musician can play whenever the evil spirit from God is affecting you, and then you'll feel better."

Saul said to his servants, "Find me a good musician and bring him to me."

One of the servants responded, "I know that one of Jesse's sons from Bethlehem is a good musician. He's a strong man and heroic, a warrior who speaks well and is good-looking too. The LORD is with him."

So Saul sent messengers to Jesse to say, "Send me your son David, the one who keeps the sheep."

Jesse then took a donkey and loaded it with a homer of bread, a jar of wine, and a young goat, and he sent it along with his son David to Saul. That is how David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked David very much, and David became his armor-bearer. Saul sent a message to Jesse: "Please allow David to remain in my service because I am pleased with him." Whenever the evil spirit from God affected Saul, David would take the lyre and play it. Then Saul would relax and feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him alone.

IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

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

EXPLORING THE STORY TOGETHER

David used his gifts of music to help someone else

ANTHEM

'Hine Ma Tov'

Ginsberg

Translation: Behold how good and how pleasing for people to sit together in unity.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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

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OFFERTORY

'Amen, So Be It'

Natalie Sleeth

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'My Tribute'

No. 39

PRAYER OF DEDICATION



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION²

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: People of God, lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to our Divine Parent, Maker of us all.

People: We praise the One who has shaped us for love and service.

Friends, this table is open to all who desire to come closer to God - for it is not *our* table, but *God's* table. Grace flows freely here to God's beloved people and this table is a place of affirmation for something that has always been true - that *you* carry the divine image of God as a very portion of yourself and are therefore invited to God's eternal feast. Here at this table we get a small but miraculous foretaste of that eternal banquet where Joy and Peace and Grace and Justice reign for eternity. No matter who you are, and no matter where you are on life's journey you are welcome and invited to this table and to God's eternal feast.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING²

SANCTUS

'Santo, Santo, Santo'

No. 111

C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR

SPIRITUAL FORMATION VOLUNTEERS



Interested in joining the fun?

Sign-up at the link below or speak with Pastor Ann-Marie or a member of the Christian Education Board.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

- Sunday School Teachers and Shepherds
- Playground Assistants
- Spiritual Practice Helpers
- Service Project Helpers
- Youth Group Leaders

Volunteers Needed

As we begin another exciting year of Spiritual Formation programs, the Board of Christian Education is seeking adult volunteers to help with Sunday School, service projects and other fun learning opportunities. No expertise is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn alongside the youngest members of our community! Let us know that you're interested [HERE](#) or by speaking with a member of the CE Board or Pastor Ann-Marie.

Musica DIVINA

By: Anton Faynberg

STARTING AT 6:00 PM
ON THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

at Christ Congregational Church, UCC



Musica Divina - by Anton Faynberg

Join us on the first and third Friday of every month after that - Anton Faynberg will fill our sanctuary with sacred sound and music to help bring God's word to life. Deriving the name from the practice *Lectio Divina* (or divine reading) - where practitioners read, or listen to, scripture in different voices and different tempos - Anton has created an experience that is an hour of continuous sound and music accompanied by scripture readings, meant to bring God's word to life.

Unison

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1974
 MUSIC: John Ness Beck, 1977

ACCEPTANCE
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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.

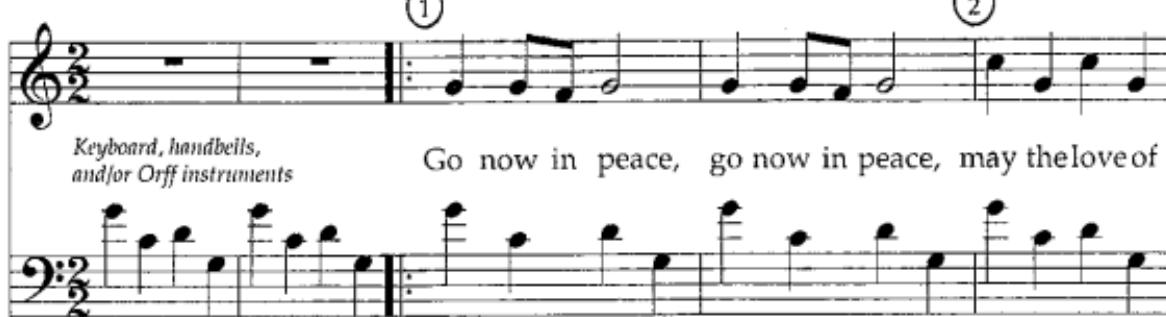
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Go Now in Peace

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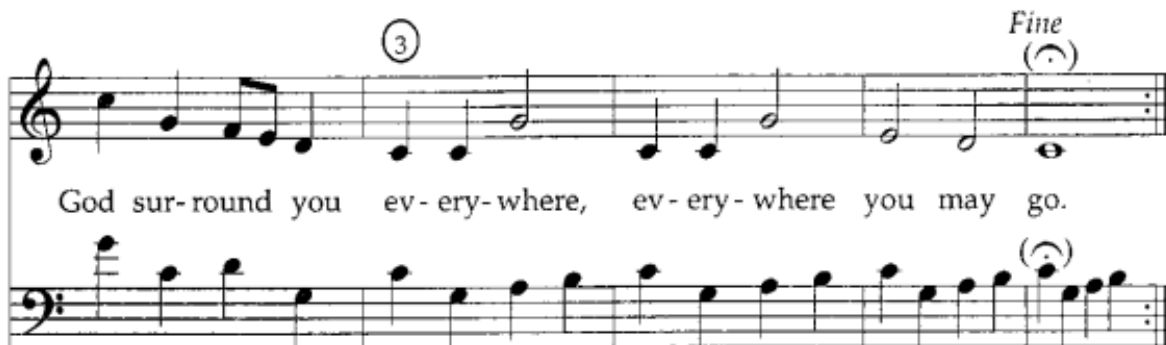
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Keyboard, handbells,
and/or Orff instruments

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of

②



Fine

God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

May be sung as a round

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1976

GO IN PEACE
Irr.

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