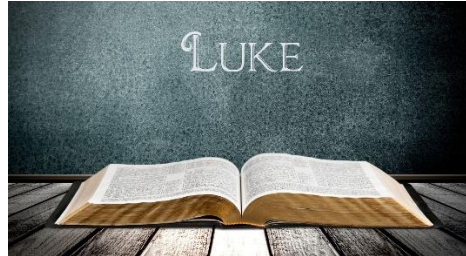




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



September 18, 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 'Here I Am, Lord' Daniel L. Schutte

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sue Koza

OPENING SONG 'Masithi' (Sing Amen) No. 30

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: To be in awe of God is the beginning of wisdom;

People: Open our hearts, O God, to seek Your ways.

Leader: As we gather together in worship,

People: May we remember that each of us is made in God's image.

Leader: We are vessels to be filled with love, knowledge, and insight,

People: So that we might pour out mercy, compassion, and grace to all.

Leader: Lead us, O God, into Your ways,

People: Lead us in the spirit of humility and openness to follow You.

OPENING PRAYER²

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

***HYMN** 'When the Poor Ones' No. 662

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE^{3,4} (in unison)

Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters."

**Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight:
help us to seek your kingdom first.**

**Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world,
and to be friends with the people you call us to serve.**

**Help us also to remember that our best relationship
is the one we have with you,**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

As we work towards living faithfully and joyfully,
let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other,
forgiving as God has forgiven us.

**We are God's beloved children,
and will model God's grace and love in our hearts.
Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.**

*SONG OF PREPARATION

'Spirit of the Living God'

No. 259

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus also said to the disciples, "A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. He called the manager in and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.'

"The household manager said to himself, What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I'm not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. I know what I'll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses.

"One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.' The manager said to him, 'Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.' Then the manager said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He said, 'One thousand bushels of wheat.' He said, 'Take your contract and write eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it's gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. If you haven't been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? If you haven't been faithful with someone else's property, who will give you your own? No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

SERMON

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley

IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

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

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 OFFERINGS⁵

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OFFERTORY

Karl Koza, soloist

'There is a Balm in Gilead'

*DOXOLOGY

'Thank You, Lord'

No. 531

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION⁶

*HYMN

'O for a World'

No. 683

*BENEDICTION

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/Pianist
Alisa Cassola, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS
are in loving memory of
Daniel E. Dunklee Jr. from his
wife Harriet and family

Christ Congregational
Church, UCC

SAVE THE DATE

**ARTISAN'S, VENDORS AND
YARD SALES**

Saturday, September 24th 2022

9am - 1pm

(Rain Date October 1st)
Rent your own table:
\$15 Church Members - \$25 Outside Vendors
Or donate for the church to sell

Volunteers Needed!
Call the office to sign up (see info counter)
or for more info
(508)586-3022

Any help would be appreciated to make the first part of our Fall Fair Trilogy a success. Please see the information counter to sign-up to help or rent a table.

PLEASE JOIN US and HELP SUPPORT OUR CHURCH AND ITS MISSIONS!!!

Our success depends on Volunteers!!!!

Save the dates:

YARD SALE Saturday September 24th (Rain date Oct 1st). Items for donation to the Yard sale may be brought into the church. Also, you can rent a table to sell your own items, \$15 for members, \$25 for outside vendors.

MODIFIED FAIR Saturday November 5th. Please plan to help as much as you are able, we will need volunteers to sort ahead of the Fair, set up, work the day of the Fair, as well as breaking down and sorting/clearing/storing in the weeks following. Many hands make light work.

Also- NOW is the time to start collecting GIFT CARDS for our December Calendar Raffle! Please drop off gift cards at the church office.

A note about Fair donations- **PLEASE** be sure your donated items are clean and serviceable. In the past we have received broken or dirty items; torn or stained clothes, some covered in pet fur. These items cannot be used and must be discarded, creating more work for our volunteers. Thank you.

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.

The Southeastern MA Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and ARTS & MUSIC at CHRIST CHURCH Present

A Family Concert: Peter and the Wolf

Sunday October 2 at 1 pm

With Nicole Marane, Pipe Organ;
Daniel Alves, Percussion; and
Matt Cunningham, Narrator



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Come and help build a small working model of a pipe organ before the concert



At Christ Congregational Church
1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton
508-586-3022

E-mail: boardofmusic@brocktonucc.org

- All parking in rear of building
- Handicapped Accessible



Music Divina returns September 23rd

Musica Divina With Anton Faynberg

First & Third Friday at 6:00 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.



Masithi

(Sing Amen)

(Ma - si - thi:) A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. (Ma - si - thi:)
 (Sing a - men:) A - men, we praise your name, O God. (Sing a - men:)

A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. (Ma - si - thi:) A - men, Ba - wo,
 A - men, we praise your name, O God. (Sing a - men:) A - men, Ba - wo,

a - men, Ba - wo, a - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa.
 a - men, Ba - wo, a - men, we praise your name, O God.

WORDS: South African hymn
 MUSIC: Attr. S. C. Molefe

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Cuando el Pobre (When the Poor Ones)

Unisono (Unison)

1. Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne ya un re-par-te,
2. Cuan-do su-fre un hom-bre y lo-gra su-con-sue-lo,
1. When the poor ones who have noth-ing share with stran-gers,
2. When at last all those who suf-fer find their com-fort,

cu-an-do el hom-bre pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,
cu-an-do es-pe-ra y no se can-sa de es-pe-rar,
when the thirst-y wa-ter give un-to us all,
when they hope though e-ven hope seems hope-less-ness,

cu-an-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce,
cu-an-do a-ma-mos, aun-que el o-dio nos ro-de-e,
when the wound-ed in their weak-ness strength-en oth-ers,
when we love though hate at times seems all a-round us,

WORDS: J. A. Oliver and Miguel Manzano, 1971; tr. George Lockwood, 1980
MUSIC: J. A. Oliver and Miguel Manzano, 1971; arr. Alvin Schutmaat

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Estrillo (Refrain)

va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar,
then we know that God's still goes that road with us,

va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

3. Cuando crece la alegría, y nos inunda,
cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,
cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos,
Estrillo

4. Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,
cuando un hombre donde hay guerra pone paz,
cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño,
Estrillo

3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better,
Refrain

4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,
Refrain

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody in the treble staff consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system features a more melodic line in the treble staff, with the bass staff continuing the accompaniment.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence in both the treble and bass staves.

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

LIVING GOD
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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

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

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

THANK YOU, LORD
 333.7

1. O for a world where ev - ery - one re -
 2. O for a world where goods are shared and
 3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and
 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the
 5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's

1. spect each oth - er's ways, where love is lived and
 2. mis - er - y re - lieved, where truth is spo - ken,
 3. strug - gle with each choice that o - pens us to
 4. fool - ish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn; out -
 5. glo - rious reign of peace, where time and tears will

1. all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 2. chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 3. u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 4. casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 5. be no more, and all but love will cease.

WORDS: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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