



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



October 9, 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

'O How I Love Jesus'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Delight! Children of God, delight!

All: We are delighted to be here together; to worship as a family and to be united in common ministry.

One: We gather in worship to celebrate this community.

All: We celebrate the love that we have for one another, the support that we give to one another and the journey we are on to be united by God's grace.

One: We come together this day to delight in offering our gifts.

All: We delight in the gifts we are giving, the commitments we are making, and the future we are creating.

One: We join our hearts and our spirits today.

All: We are here! We are delighted! We are united!

One: Let us worship the God who takes our gifts and provides for all.

All: Let us worship God together in giving ourselves over to God's ministry!

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Most generous and loving God, You call us to be disciples of Your Son Jesus, and good stewards of all Your many gifts. Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of Your countless blessings. Transform us, through the power of Your Spirit, to nurture a stewardship way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbor and generous sharing. With Your help, may the gifts entrusted to us be offered back to Your ministry of love, and return ten-fold! Bless our family of faith with a deepening devotion to prayer, a growing commitment for service, and increasing excitement of generosity as we faithfully create room for Your ministry to grow through us. All this we pray in the name of Jesus; Amen.

***HYMN**

'Help Us Accept Each Other'

No. 487

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

A CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

(to the tune of Amazing Grace)

(The words to this psalm were written by the congregation on October 2nd during worship. Throughout the month of October, we'll be singing different verses.)

We love God and our neighbors too, Our church fills our hearts with great love,
He leads us on our way. and music fills our souls.
Praise God for all the gifts God gives, Together we share hope and faith,
and for the ways God moves. to build a stronger church

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

Gracious Creator, You have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first and those of others are distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world, but we are worried that there may not be enough. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we all that we have was gained by our own efforts, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom, stewardship and generosity; Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

SONG OF PREPARATION

'Hungerin' In My Soul'

Pepper Choplin

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 14: 22-29

Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year. Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always. But if that place is too distant and you have been blessed by the Lord your God and cannot carry your tithe (because the place where the Lord will choose to put his Name is so far away), then exchange your tithe for silver, and take the silver with you and go to the place the Lord your God will choose. Use the silver to buy whatever you like: cattle, sheep, wine or other fermented drink, or anything you wish. Then you and your household shall eat there in the presence of the Lord your God and rejoice. And do not neglect the Levites living in your towns, for they have no allotment or inheritance of their own.

At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of that year's produce and store it in your towns, so that the Levites (who have no allotment or inheritance of their own) and the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come and eat and be satisfied, and so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick

ANTHEM

'Soon and Very Soon'

African American Spiritual

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Deborah Bowman

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OFFERTORY

'They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love'

arr. Lloyd Larson

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'My Tribute'

No. 39

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

Generous God, we give You today what is already Yours. You provide so much for us, all things flow from Your hand; blessings pressed down, shaken together, and running over. We thank You for the ability to give and cheerful hearts to do it. We stand in humble awe of Your love and eagerly look for the chance to shout, "Count Me In!" to Your ministry here at Christ's Church; Amen.

HYMN

'Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation'

No. 275

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick, Bridge Pastor
Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist
Alisa Cassola, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

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
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275 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3. Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 Hosts, to - day; with your faith - ful lov - ing kind - ness
 you to gain, what they gain from you for - ev - er

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.

WORDS: Latin hymn (7th century); tr. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry Purcell, c. 1680; adapt. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE