



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



October 16, 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

‘Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart’

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

THRESHOLD MOMENT

‘Woke Up This Morning’

Spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Serve God with gladness; come with joyful songs.

One: Know that our God is, was, and always will be within us.

All: It is God who made us, and we are called His beloved; we are God’s people, the sheep of His pasture.

One: So now enter through these gates with thanksgiving and come to the courts with praise! Give thanks to God, name above all names!

All: God is good and God’s love endures forever!

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Holy One, as we gather in Your radiant presence to worship, receive our praise in their many different tongues, their many different rhythms, their many different volumes and their many different expressions. We worship One who has loved us before we were even born and looks forward to the day of reconciliation. Receive our worship as music to Your heart as we marvel in the breadth and depth of Your love; Amen.

***HYMN**

‘Precious Lord, Take My Hand’

No. 628

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.)

Please hold my hand, I'm here with you.
It's just temporary.
Some feelings are so hard to bear,
But I am here for you.

Faith helps your heart and soul find hope,
Love makes me want to share.
We all belong to each other,
in Christ the church is one.

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

Holy One, as we gather in Your radiant presence to worship, receive our praise in their many different tongues, their many different rhythms, their many different volumes and their many different expressions. We worship One who has loved us before we were even born and look forward to the day of reconciliation. Receive our worship as music to Your heart as we marvel in the breadth and depth of Your love; Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

SONG OF PREPARATION

'Hungerin' In My Soul'

Pepper Choplin

SCRIPTURE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12: 41-44

George Manoogian

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 17: 7-16

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

"As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'"

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

HANDBELL MUSIC

‘All Night, All Day’

by Michael Burkhardt

Members: Doug Anderson, John Baglole, Carol Bradford, Donna Hefler, Laura Kittery, Leo Larson and Murray Kidd, Director

SERMON

“In The Right Hands”

Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick

ANTHEM

‘Standing in the Light of Love’

Russel Robinson

PASTORAL PRAYER

Come and Light a Candle...

A new tradition is emerging here at Christ’s Church.

During worship, immediately following the Pastoral Prayer, we will be inviting anyone who wishes to come and light a candle in prayer. You will make your way to one of the four candle stations where a deacon will assist if needed. Our new union as a congregation has birthed so many wonderful worship moments, let us make this new tradition part of our shared journey.



IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

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

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

George Manoogian

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OFFERTORY

‘Grateful’

John Bucchino

Doug Anderson, soloist

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow'

No. 47

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

'Go In Peace'

No. 445

***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



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS
are in loving memory of Carlos Carrillo Joubert "Charlie" (father and father-in-law of Carlos & Tamra Fisher Carrillo) from the Fisher & Carrillo family.

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.

AND THAT'S HOW I SAVED THE WORLD

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO FOR INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP!

SUPERHERO STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!

NOV. 6TH

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 when my life is al - most gone,
 and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

WORDS and MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

PRECIOUS LORD
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'Grateful'

by John Bucchino (from the musical "Urban Myths")

I've got a roof over my head, I've got a warm place to sleep.
Some nights I lie awake counting gifts instead of counting sheep.
I've got a heart that can hold love, I've got a mind that can think.
There may be times when I lose the light and let my spirits sink.
But I can't stay depressed when I remember how I'm blessed.

Grateful, grateful, truly grateful I am. Grateful, grateful truly blessed and duly grateful.

In a city of strangers I've got a family of friends.
No matter what rocks and brambles fill the way, I know that they will stay until the end.
I feel a hand holding my hand, it's not a hand you can see.
But on the road to the promised land, this hand will shepherd me.
Through delight and despair, holding tight and always there.

Grateful, grateful truly grateful I am. Grateful, grateful truly blessed and duly grateful.

It's not that I don't want a lot, or hope for more or dream of more.
But giving thanks for what I've got makes me so much happier than keeping score.
In a world that can bring pain I will still take each chance.
For I believe that whatever the terrain our feet can learn to dance.
Whatever stone life may sling, we can moan or we can sing:
Grateful, grateful truly grateful I am.
Grateful, grateful truly blessed and duly grateful. Truly blessed and duly grateful.

47 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 2/2 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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Alt. tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (altered rhythm)

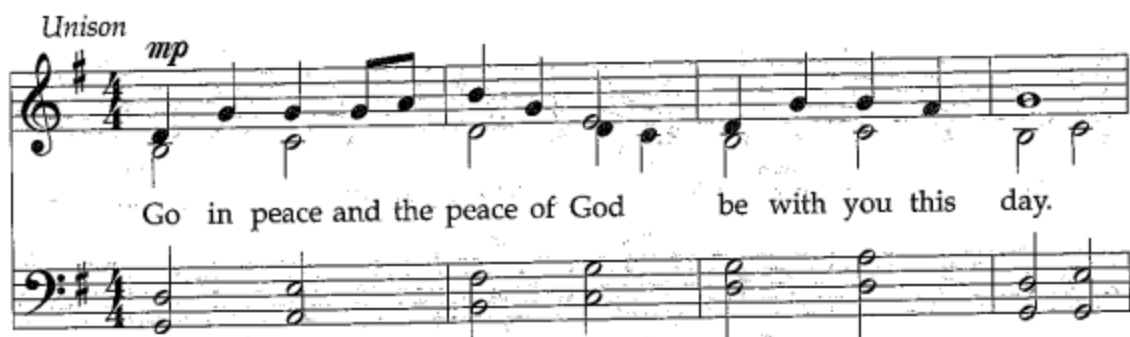
Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye

Musical notation for the third system, concluding the piece. The lyrics are: heaven-ly hosts: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

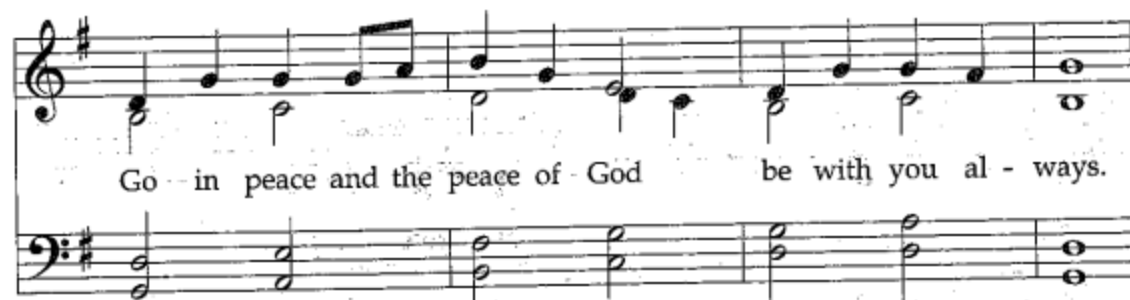
Go in Peace

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Unison *mp*

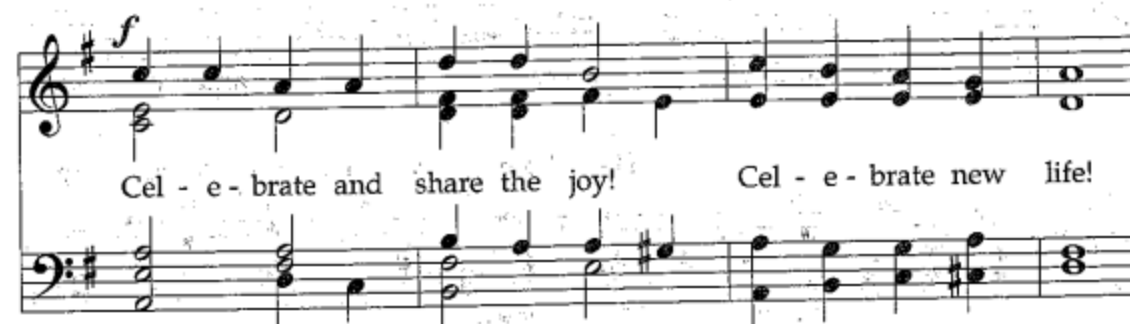


Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.



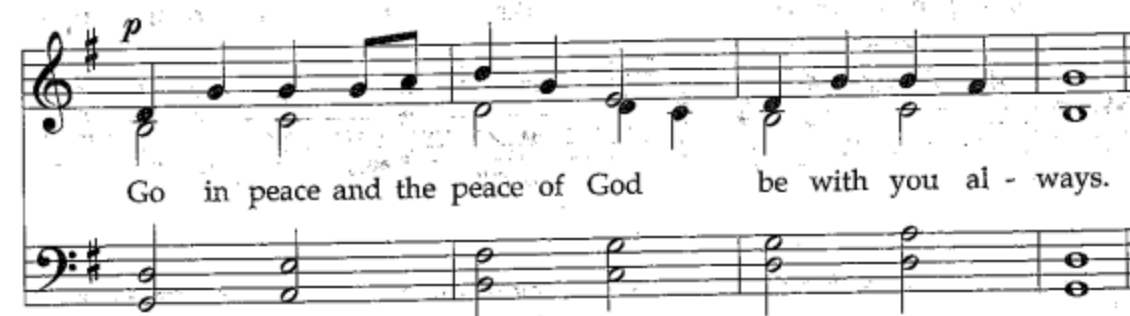
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.

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Cel - e - brate and share the joy! Cel - e - brate new life!

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Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.

WORDS: Barber L. Waters, 1982
MUSIC: Kenneth E. White, 1982

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