



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



October 23, 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 Love to Tell the Story'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

THRESHOLD MOMENT

'Woke Up This Morning'

Spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice for Jesus is in our midst!

All: Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.

One: Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

All: Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.

One: Sing for joy, people of God; God gathers up the pieces of our lives, so that nothing may be lost.

All: Thanks be to God, Giver of all life!

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

O God, our resurrection and life, the promise of Your new life in Christ is like a breath of fresh air in a dry and thirsty land. We have gathered as Your people; as those who are seeking Your Word. Guide our worship this hour. May Your truth touch not just our intellects, but also the deeper yearnings of our hearts and souls. O God, One who fed the multitudes with but a few loaves and some fish, feed us now with the abundance of what You freely offer, that we might overflow with Your goodness right where we worship, live, work and love. All this we pray in the name of, and because of, Jesus our Christ; Amen.

***HYMN**

'How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely'

No. 285

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley

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.)

Jesus is around the corner,
Come, God's garden awaits!
A garden filled with love and peace,
and beauty all around.

Love us Jesus, and Love us God,
we pray for others too.
Loving Spirit guide us we pray,
we'll not fear anything.

PRAYER SHAWL

The Power of Prayer in Tiny Little Stitches

Dee Hayes

Today's Prayer for Transformation and New Life is dedicated to the Kardisco family. Please join us as we pour our love and prayers into these two prayer shawls knit together by the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team from the Stoughton church who have not only become the larger family of Christ Church but are also bringing this wonderful prayer shawl ministry right here to continue this important work!

Please pray together....

Prayer for Healing

(adapted from Prayer Shawl Ministry Handbook)

**In the beginning, creating God, You formed Judah's being.
You knit him together in his mother's womb.
To his flesh and blood You gave him the breath of life.**

**O Loving One, renew Judah this day in Your love -
Grant him new life as a gift of your faithfulness;
Grant Jeff, Dani, and Ivyn light to journey by and hope to sustain them.**

**May this mantle before them be a sign of Your healing presence.
May it warm Jeff when he is weary;
May it surround Dani with ease of her suffering;
May it encircle them when they are in pain.**

**O Christ who healed the broken in body and spirit,
Be with this family in all of their suffering this day.
Be with the doctors, nurses, technicians, chaplains and all who care for the sick.**

**Be with Judah and his family and friends abiding with, and comforting, him.
May Your gentle, yet strong touch reach out to heal Judah's tiny body
and ready him for his future as Your servant.**

In Christ's Name; Amen.

SCRIPTURE**Mark 6:30-44**

Audrey Jones

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

***HYMN**

'The Lord Will Make a Way, Somehow'

No. 620

SERMON**"How Many Loaves Do You Have?"**

Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick

ANTHEM

'Woyaya'

Amoa, Amario, Bailey, Bedeau, Osei, Richardson, Tontoh

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

Audrey Jones

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OFFERTORY

'River In Judea'

Feldman/Marcus, arr. John Leavitt

*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

'Lift Every Voice and Sing!'

No. 631

*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

Our Beautiful Paraments: The paraments (cloth hangings and coverings) have been changed to the Transitional Set that marks the ending weeks of Ordinary Time (season of Pentecost) before the season of Advent starts on November 27th. We combine the greens of Ordinary Time with the oranges and browns of the harvest season to celebrate a time of Thanksgiving.

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

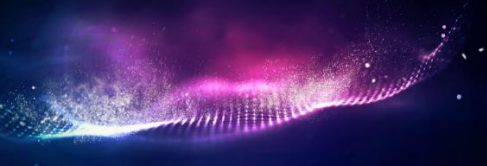
As we begin another exciting year of Spiritual Formation programs, the Board of Christian Education is seeking adult volunteers to help with Sunday School, service projects and other fun learning opportunities. No expertise is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn alongside the youngest 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

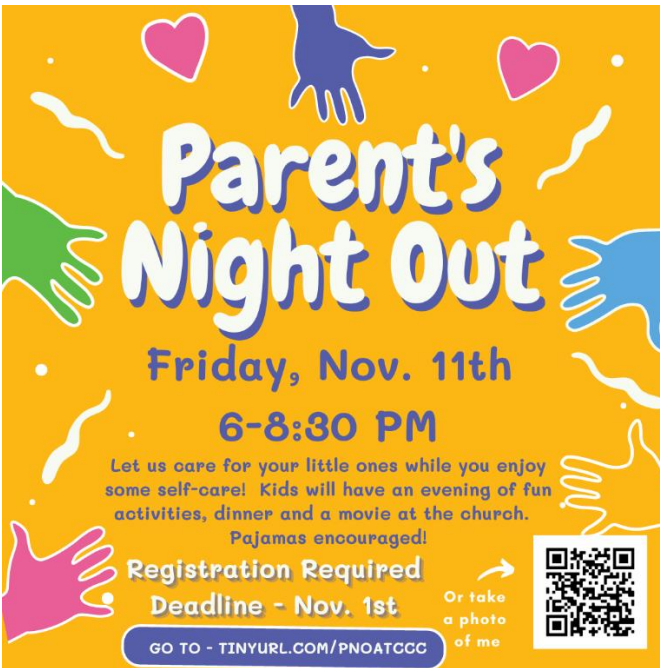


A REMINDER: THE RAFFLE TABLE NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER HARVEST FAIR

- * Have you created something from yarn, wood, fabric etc that you could donate ?
- * Have you received a thoughtful but "just not you gift" that you could pass on to the RAFFLE TABLE ?
- * Are you in a store and see something that would make a great raffle item.
- * Do you like to create Theme Baskets ?
- * We can combine items or have them displayed on their own.

Please contact Barbara Moody @ moodytwos@gmail.com if you have any questions.
 IF you drop anything off please be sure to clearly label FOR THE RAFFLE TABLE.

Thank You so much in advance....



Parent's Night Out Returns!
 The Board of Christian Education will be hosting another Parent's* Night Out this coming month on Friday, Nov. 11th from 6-8:30 PM. Drop off your kids with us at church for a fun night of play, dinner and movies while you get some time off! Please note, **pre-registration is required and the deadline to sign-up is Nov. 1st.** You can register [HERE](#) or by taking a picture of the QR code above and following the link.

*NOT JUST for parents - grandparents and all adults with kiddos are invited to sign-up for this opportunity!

Unison

1. How love-ly, Lord, how love-ly is your a-bid-ing place;
 2. In your blest courts to wor-ship, O God, a sin-gle day
 3. A sun and shield for-ev-er are you, O God most high;

my soul is long-ing, faint-ing, to feast up-on your grace.
 is bet-ter than a thou-sand if I from you should stray.
 you show-er us with bless-ings no good will you de-ny.

The spar-row finds a shel-ter, a place to build her nest;
 I'd rath-er keep the en-trance and claim you as my Lord
 The saints, your grace re-ceive-ing, from strength to strength shall go;

and so your tem-ple calls us with-in its walls to rest.
 than rev-el in the rich-es the ways of sin af-ford.
 and from their life shall riv-ers of bless-ing o-ver-flow.

WORDS: Arlo D. Duba, 1984
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983

MERLE'S TUNE
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620 The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow

1. Like a ship that's toss'd and driv-en, bat-tered by an an - gry sea,
 2. Try to do my best in serv-ice, try to live the best I can,
 3. Of - ten there's mis-un-der-stand-ing out of all the good I do,

when the storms of life are rag - ing and their fu - ry falls on me,
 when I choose to do the right thing, e - vil's pre - sent on ev - 'ry hand,
 go to friends for con - so - la - tion and I find them com - plain - ing too,

I won - der what I have done that makes this race so hard to run,
 I look up and won - der why that good for - tune pass me by,
 so man - y nights I toss in pain, won - der - ing what the day will bring,

then I say to my soul, take cour - age, the Lord will make a way some - how.
 then I say to my soul, be pa - tient, the Lord will make a way some - how.
 but I say to my heart, don't wor - ry, the Lord will make a way some - how.

WORDS and MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1943

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Refrain

The Lord will make a way some - how, when be - neath the cross I
 some - how,

bow; He will take a - way each sor - row, let him have your
 I bow; way each sor - row,

bur - dens now; when the load bears down so heav - y the
 all your bur - dens; down so heav - y,

weight is shown up - on my brow, there's a sweet re - lief in
 on my brow,

know - ing, oh, the Lord will make a way some - how.
 in know - ing some - how.

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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Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

WORDS: James Weldon Johnson, 1921
MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

LIFT EVERY VOICE
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Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.