



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



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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 Want Jesus To Walk With Me' Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sue Koza

***THRESHOLD MOMENT** 'I Thank You Jesus' No. 116

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come to You this day as stewards of Your world, O God.

All: I give you my hands to do Your work.

One: I give you my feet to go Your way.

All: I give you my eyes to see as You see.

One: I give you my tongue to speak Your words.

All: I give you my mind to think as You think.

One: I give you my spirit so that You may pray in me.

All: I give you my self so that You may grow in me.

One: I give you my life that You may bring about Your love.

All: It is only when we realize that all we have is of God that we can begin to truly give with joy.

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Oh Lord, Giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from Your hand that we have received all we have, and are, and will be. We understand that You call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives and You prove over and over again how great is Your faithfulness. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus' name; Amen.

***HYMN** 'I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry' No. 75

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley

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

God of light, of love and of power, we dwell in the midst of Infinite Abundance. Good comes through unexpected avenues and God works in a myriad of ways to bless creation and all that dwells within. Open our minds to receive You. Remind us that nothing is too good to be true, nothing is too wonderful to happen. With God as our Source all is possible! The future is brimming with hope; its abundance made manifest. Encourage us to give freely and fearlessly into life so that You may bless all of Your people through us; Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

HYMN

'Roll Down Justice'

Mark Miller

SCRIPTURE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9: 6-12

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17: 14-21

When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him."

"You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me." Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

SONG OF PREPARATION

'Sing Hallelujah to the Lord'

No. 32

SERMON

"Anything Is Possible!"

Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick

ANTHEM

'Brave'

Sara Bareilles

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

The Stewardship Team

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OFFERTORY

'There is More Love Somewhere'

Clif Hardin

***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.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Friends, today is a joyful day! It is a day that we gather around Christ's table and partake in the wonder and grace of communion. If you have not yet experienced Christ's meal here at Christ Church, please know that all are invited to this table, because this table does not belong to any of us, this table does not belong to Christ Church, this table does not belong to the Unite Church of Christ; friends this table belongs to God, and all whom God created has a seat at this table. So come, let us join together in Holy Communion.

Rev: Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

Rev: We gather around this table set before time began.

All: We come to this table to celebrate, share, and experience God's life-giving love!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev: Holy are You, God of all creation, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Yearning for us to know You, He came to earth to be with us. Longing for reconciliation between You and Your children, He became the broken Bread of Life. Aching for our release from the agony of sin and death, He suffered on the cross, so we might be made whole. All this, so we may gather around this table.

All: When we stand around your Table, we witness, firsthand, the depth of Your love for us. As we approach our place at Your table, all hurtful words are silenced and divisions melt away. We sit, side by side, while hope and grace become our closest friends. Draw us in as one people of God.

MUSICAL RESPONSE "Let Us Break Bread"

Let us praise God together on our knees

Let us praise God together on our knees

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

WORDS OF INVITATION

Rev: The table is set, the time is right; Your meal, like no other, claims us.

All: We are called to God's table of love, prepared for all people.

Rev: The Table of Christ is long and has many chairs.

All: There is plenty of room here!

Rev: It is the table where LOVE is in charge of the guest list,

All: And reservations are not required.

Rev: Come, approach God's table of love, grace and mercy,

All: We come with open hands and open hearts.

Rev: Come, just as God made you.

All: For the gifts of grace are free

Rev: Come, for all things are ready...

MUSICAL RESPONSE “Let Us Break Bread”

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

One: On the night of that Jesus was betrayed, He took bread, and, after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,

All: **“This is my body broken for you; do this as often as you eat, in remembrance of Me.”**

MUSICAL RESPONSE “Let Us Break Bread”

Let us drink the cup together on our knees
Let us drink the cup together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

POURING OF THE FRUIT OF THE VINE

One: In the same way He took the cup, looked lovingly at each face, and He said,

All: **“This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood; do this as often as you drink in remembrance of Me.”**

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

This morning each of you are invited to come up to the front and receive the elements. Please look to the deacons for direction. You will come up the center aisle and return down the side aisle. While we partake in this holy meal together, you are invited to meditate quietly with God, or to sing along to the music, until all are served and we can pray together...

***HYMN**

‘One Bread, One Body’

No. 393

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Thanks be to You, O God, for the blessings of this table. Because of Your love, nations gather around one table of faith and are fed from one body and one cup. Let the peace of God, and the comfort in our future with God, rest our minds and our hearts. Now, nourished with grace and love, may we go forth to serve You; abounding in hope, strengthened by peace, overflowing with joy, and tenacious in love. Amen.

***HYMN**

‘Go Now In Peace’

No. 437

***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

I Thank You, Jesus

1. I thank you, Je-sus, thank you, Je-sus,
 2. You've been my fa-ther, been my moth-er,

(Thank you, Je-sus,) (thank you, Je-sus,)
 (Been my fa-ther,) (been my moth-er,)

thank you, Je-sus, my Sav-ior God, for you brought me, yes, you
 been my sis-ter, my broth-er, too, for you brought me, yes, you

brought me from a might-y, a might-y long way, (a might-y long
 brought me from a might-y, a might-y long way, (a might-y long

I thank you, Je-sus, thank you, Je-sus,
 You've been my fa-ther, been my moth-er,

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 way.) (Been my fa-ther,) (been my moth-er,)

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I THANK YOU
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thank you, Je-sus, my Sav-ior God, for you brought me, yes, you
 been my sis-ter, my bro-ther, too, for you brought me, yes, you

brought me from a might-y, a might-y long way, (a might-y long way.)
 brought me from a might-y, a might-y long way, (a might-y long way.)

75 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

Unison

D7 G D G D G D

1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 3. When you heard the won - der of the word I was
 5. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.

G D G C D7 G *Fine*

2. I was there when you were but a child, with a
 4. If you find some - one to share your time and you
 6. When the eve - ning gen - tly clos - es in and you

WORDS and MUSIC: John Ylvisaker, 1985

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♩=92-96

Am D G C

faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Sing Hallelujah

32

Descant



Sing hal-le - lu-jah to the Lord.

Unison

Sing hal-le - lu - jah to the Lord. Sing hal - le -

Sing hal-le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

lu - jah to the Lord. Sing hal-le - lu - jah, sing hal - le -

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jah; sing hal-le - lu-jah to the Lord.

lu - jah. Sing hal-le - lu-jah to the Lord.

WORDS and MUSIC: Linda Stassen-Benjamin, 1974

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SING HALLELUJAH

Irr.

$\text{♩} = 72-80$

To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry,

The first system of music features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry,"

to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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;

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done."

One Bread, One Body

Refrain (Unison)

D7 G C G C G D Em B

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

Em D G Em A7 D7

one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And

G C G C G D Em B

we, though man-y through-out the earth,

Em D G Em A7 D7 G C (G) Fine

we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

WORDS and MUSIC: John B. Foley, 1978

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY
44.6 w. refrain

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♩=104-112

Em D Em D

1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Em F Am D7

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all. One
gath-ered to one, for all.

Go Now in Peace

437

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Keyboard, handbells,
and/or Orff instruments

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

Detailed description: This system contains the first two measures of the piece. The top staff is in treble clef with a 2/2 time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign. The first measure of the repeat contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second measure contains a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The second system contains the next two measures, which are identical to the first two measures of the repeat.

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Fine
(◡)

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

Detailed description: This system contains the final two measures of the piece. The top staff continues the melody from the previous system. The first measure of this system contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second measure contains a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. A 'Fine' marking with a smiley face symbol is placed above the final note. The bottom staff provides a bass line accompaniment, consisting of a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand.

May be sung as a round

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1976

GO IN PEACE
Irr.

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