



**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



November 13, 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**

'We Are One'

Tate

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sue Koza

**\*THRESHOLD MOMENT**

'I Thank You Jesus'

No. 116

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Today we gather in God's house from near and far.

**All: We are the children of God!**

One: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

**All: We are siblings in Christ!**

One: For there is *one* Lord, *one* faith, and *one* baptism;

**All: One God, Creator of all!**

One: One Spirit, uniting creation together

**All: to bring about God's vision of love for all the world.**

One: Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

**All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!**

**OPENING PRAYER** *(in unison)*

**All loving God, we come to You this morning seeking Your affirmation. We recognize that each one of us has our own story to tell and that it is You who uses that story to bless the rest of the world. We realize that we come from many different backgrounds, have different viewpoints, different talents, and experience different challenges; yet we worship You with the understanding that we all belong and are met with unconditional love. Help us open wide the door for all to come and give equal value to all whom we meet, the way You created us to be. Let us lift our voices and sing "All Are Welcome Here." We ask this in the name of the One whom we call by many names; Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

'Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley'

No. 211

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

Pastor Holly

## DECLARATION OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

### *We Will Send No One Away*

One: Some people brought their children to Jesus so that he could bless them by placing his hands on them. But his disciples told the people to stop bothering him.

**All: We will send no one away.**

One: There was a very great multitude, and they had nothing to eat. The disciples wanted them to go home.

**All: We will send no one away.**

One: A Canaanite woman came out and began to cry out. Jesus' disciples came and implored Him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us."

**All: We will send no one away.**

One: Siblings from all places on earth, from all walks of life, living inside all of the categories that we have created over the years; are walking with us on the path of discipleship. Some of us have struggled throughout our lives with questions and uncertainties about our identity, our acceptability, our status as children of God. Some of us have dared to tell our story, resulting at times in warm acceptance and other times in cold rejection. Some of us have come to understand that God loves us unconditionally and embraces us as valued members of the human family; and others have been told otherwise.

**All: We as a community of faith value diversity and celebrate those differences as intentional acts of God's creation. The realm of God includes all whom God created and we make a commitment here and now to welcome, affirm, and include all persons into the full life of the church, the mission of God in this world, the vision that God has put on our hearts. We will send no one away!**

## SONG OF PREPARATION

'Sing Hallelujah to the Lord'

No. 32

## SCRIPTURE

### **Mark 9: 35-41**

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

"Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward."

## SERMON

**"Blended Family"**

Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick

## ANTHEM

'Simple Praise'

Craig Courtney

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*Transgender Moment of Remembrance: Honoring Those We Have Lost*

## Come and Light a Candle...

### 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.

**HYMN:** 'O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines' No. 711

### CALL FOR OFFERINGS

[www.brocktonucc.org/donate/](http://www.brocktonucc.org/donate/)

**OFFERTORY** 'We Are One' Brian Tate

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'My Tribute' No. 39

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN** 'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ' No. 422

### \*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,

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

WORDS: Kenneth Morris, 1948  
 MUSIC: Kenneth Morris, 1948; adapt. and arr. Joyce F. Johnson, 1992, alt.  
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 arr. © 1992 The Pilgrim Press

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.)

# Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley 211

F F7 B $\flat$  Gm7

1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val-ley, he had to  
 2. We must walk this lone-some val-ley, we have to  
 3. You must go and stand your tri - al, you have to

F Dm Gm C7 F7

walk it by him-self; O, no-bod-y else could walk it  
 walk it by our-selves; O, no-bod-y else can walk it  
 stand it by your-self, O, no-bod-y else can stand it

B $\flat$  Gm7 F Gm C7 F B $\flat$  F

for him, he had to walk it by him - self.  
 for us, we have to walk it by our - selves.  
 for you, you have to stand it by your - self.

WORDS: American spiritual  
 MUSIC: American spiritual; arr. Bill Thomas, 1994

LONESOME VALLEY  
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Arr. © 1995 Chalice Press

# Sing Hallelujah

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*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 -

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

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# 711 O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

*Unison*

1. O day of peace that dim - ly shines  
2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,

through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;

guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love,  
as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly graze,

de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes.  
a lit - tle child shall lead them all.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982  
MUSIC: Traditional Scottish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963  
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May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love,

our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,  
all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;

till by God's grace our war - ring world  
the hope of peace shall be ful - filled,

shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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

The first system of music consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

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

The second system continues the vocal line with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

With his blood Christ has saved me; with your power you have raised me;

The third system features a vocal line with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic accompaniment.

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The fourth system concludes the vocal line with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord.

WORDS and MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1971

MY TRIBUTE  
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# 422 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy. Reach - ing out with a  
 2. Christ is a - ble to make us one. At the ta - ble he  
 3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,  
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,  
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

*Maracas, tambourine, and other rhythm instruments may also be used.*

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1975  
 MUSIC: Jamaican folk melody, adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

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earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!