



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



December 11, 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

'Away in a Manger'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'A Stable Lamp is Lighted'

No. 141

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In a world of darkness, we have seen a great light!

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lighting candles to guide our steps in this Advent journey.**

One: Today we light the candle of Peace;

All: We yearn for peace that calms this trembling world.

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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

"PEACE"

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ADVENT PRAYER *(in unison)*

"Let there be Peace on Earth!" the angels announce to the shepherds: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all." We continue that prayer for peace in our world. We pray that hearts might be transformed to find the path of peace together. We pray also that peace grows in our own hearts, in our own lives, close to and at home. Peace-making begins within us, Gracious God; this our true Advent longing. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me! Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

'When God Is A Child' (vs. 2)

No. 132

*Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

A TIME FOR ALL AGES**SONG OF PREPARATION**

'Emmanuel, Emmanuel'

No. 134

SCRIPTURE READING**Isaiah 11:1-9**

*A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse;
a branch will sprout from his roots.*

*The Lord's spirit will rest upon him,
a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
a spirit of planning and strength,
a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.*

*He will delight in fearing the Lord.
He won't judge by appearances,
nor decide by hearsay.*

*He will judge the needy with righteousness,
and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land.*

*He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth;
by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.*

*Righteousness will be the belt around his hips,
and faithfulness the belt around his waist.*

*The wolf will live with the lamb,
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;
the calf and the young lion will feed together,
and a little child will lead them.*

*The cow and the bear will graze.
Their young will lie down together,
and a lion will eat straw like an ox.*

*A nursing child will play over the snake's hole;
toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den.*

*They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain.
The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord,
just as the water covers the sea.*

SERMON

"A Peace That Stretches Our Imaginations"

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley

ANTHEM

'Pacem'

Patrick Liebergen

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

'Hail to the Lord's Anointed'

No. 140

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

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OFFERTORY

'Walkin' in the Light of God'

arr. André Thomas

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'Thank You, Lord'

No. 531

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

'Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn'

No. 138

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor

Rev. Mary Perry, Guest Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

1. A sta - ble lamp is light - ed whose
 2. (This) child through Da - vid's cit - y shall
 3. (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, and
 4. (But) now, as at the end - ing, the

glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and
 ride in tri - umph by; the palm shall strew its branch - es, and
 yield - ed up to die; the sky shall groan and dark - en, and
 low is lift - ed high; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and

ev - 'ry stone shall cry. And ev - 'ry stone shall
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cry, and straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall har - bor
 cry, though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, and lie with - in the
 cry, for hearts made hard by sin: God's blood up - on the
 cry, in prais - es of the child by whose de - scent a -

1, 2, 3
 heav - en, a stall be - come a shrine. This
 road - way to pave his king - dom come. Yet
 spear - head, God's love re - fused a - gain. But
 mong us the worlds are rec - on - ciled.

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WORDS: Richard Wilbur, 1959
 MUSIC: David Hurd, 1984

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When God Is a Child

Unison

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,
 2. Peace is a ribbon that cir - cles the earth,
 3. Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,
 4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - ior is born.
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be

first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1985
 MUSIC: Joan Collier Fogg, 1987

MOON BEAMS
 Irr. w. refrain

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Unison C F Dm7 G7 Em

Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C Cmaj7

his name is called Em-man - u - el.

C7 C F Dm7 G7 Em

God with us, re-vealed in us,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C F/C C D.C. (final)

his name is called Em-man - u - el.

WORDS and MUSIC: Bob McGee, 1976

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McGEE

Irr.

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1. Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2. He comes with jus - tice speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth.
 4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,

Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong,
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tives free,
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her - ald, go,
 The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move.

to take a - way trans - gres - sions, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
 and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is Love.

1. Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
 2. Been so good, been so good, been so
 3. Been my friend, been my friend, been my

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains three measures of music, each with a different chord voicing. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing three measures of music with a simple bass line.

Lord,
 good,
 friend,

I just want to thank you,
 I just want to thank you,
 I just want to thank you,

Lord.
 Lord.
 Lord.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The top staff continues the melody from the first system, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff continues the bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three measures of music.

WORDS: Traditional African-American song

MUSIC: Traditional African-American melody; harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland and
 Verolga Nix, alt.

THANK YOU, LORD
 333.7

138 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

G Am7 G D D7

1. A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2. In deep - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 3. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though

G C Am D G Am7

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, sing out your joy, for
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall

G D G Am D C G

soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less;

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1983

REJOICE, REJOICE
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