



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



January 1, 2023

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Joy to the World'

No. 143

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

Many: The rhythms of life praise the Everlasting God through the markings of time.

One: Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

Many: The flowers, land, and trees praise the Divine Gardener through rest and renewal.

One: Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

Many: Living creatures praise the Spirit of God through our breathing, living and being. Praise God!

OPENING PRAYER¹

*HYMN

'In the Bleak Midwinter'

Methodist Hymnal

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2. Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath-ered there,
 4. What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign.
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thron - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 In the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the
 but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 Lord God Al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 what I can I give him: give my heart.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Pastor Ann-Marie

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹ (*in unison*)

Pastor Jeff

Eternal God, the dawn of a new year prompts us to reflect on our past and hope for our future. Help us live every day seeking your way and moving on your path. Help us commit to love and resolve to extend the grace and mercy we need from you and our neighbor. Make us new. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE¹

Pastor Jeff

*HYMN

'God's Love Made Visible'

No.171

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,
the deeds for which he is to be praised,
according to all the LORD has done for us—
yes, the many good things
he has done for Israel,
according to his compassion and many kindnesses.
He said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will be true to me";
and so he became their Savior.
In all their distress he too was distressed,
and the angel of his presence saved them.^[a]
In his love and mercy he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them
all the days of old.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

Come and Light a Candle...



IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 OFFERINGS¹

Let us put our trust in the Living God, who is faithful. Let us praise God for the abundance of creation in the sharing of our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

OFFERTORY

'O Eternal Love Begotten'

No. 104
a cappella

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'Angels We Have Heard On High' (Refrain)

No. 155

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING²

May God be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Siblings of Jesus, give thanks to our God.

We lift our songs of praise to the One who loves us.

HYMN

SANTO, SANTO, SANTO

No. 111



C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

REMEMBERING THE STORY

As we come to this Table,
we speak of that mystery
we cannot explain:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION²

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

In the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

In the cup poured out we participate in the new life that Christ brings.

The gifts of God for the people of God, let us eat and drink together and remember Christ's call to us.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Today we will celebrate communion in our seats using the pre-packaged communion cup and wafer you received as you entered the sanctuary. If you did not receive one, please raise your hand and a deacon will bring one to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

'I Wonder As I Wander'

No. 161

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN**

'From Heaven Above'

No. 146

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist
Alisa Cassola, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. "Love and Mercy: Christmas 1a - January 1" *United Church of Christ*, 26 Dec. 2022, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/christmas-1a-january-1/>

²Shuman, Thom M. "Liturgy w/communion for Holy Name of Jesus (January 1, 2022)" *Lectionary Liturgies*, 22 Dec. 2022, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>



JOIN US!!!

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR PASTOR ANN-MARIE ILLSLEY

Sunday, January 8, 2023

*following Fellowship Hour, Council will host a Luncheon
to celebrate Pastor Ann-Marie, and
thank her for all she has been and done in service to
our Beloved Community.*

Joy to the World

143

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

And heaven and na - ture sing, and
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 And won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 won - ders of his love,

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719
 MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1741; arr. Lowell Mason, 1848

ANTIOCH
 CM w. repeat

1. God's love made vis-i-ble! In-com-pre-hen-si-ble!
 2. God gave the Son to us to dwell as one of us—

Play small notes in absence of string bass.
 Claves
 Maracas

Christ is in-vin-ci-ble! His love shall reign! From love so boun-ti-ful,
 a bless-ing un-to us! His love shall reign! To him all hon-or bring,

bless-ings un-count-a-ble make death sur-mount-a-ble! His love shall reign!
 heav-en and earth will sing, prais-ing our Lord and King! His love shall reign!

WORDS: Iola Brubeck, 1975
 MUSIC: Dave Brubeck, 1975

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♩=140-150

Joy-ful-ly pray for peace and good will! All of our yearn-ing
 O-pen all doors this-day of his birth, all of good will in-

he will ful-fill. Live in a lov-ing way! Praise him for ev-ery day!
 her-it the earth. His star will al-ways be guid-ing hu-man-i-ty

O-pen your hearts and pray. His love shall reign!
 through-out e-ter-ni-ty! His love shall reign!

Of the Father's Love Begotten (Of Eternal Love Begotten)

104

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be-got - ten,* ere the worlds be-gan to be,
 2. O ye heights of heaven sing prais-es; an-gels and arch-an-gels sing!
 3. Christ, to thee with God Cre-a - tor, and O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

Christ is Al-pha and O-me-ga, he the source, the end - ing he!
 And on earth let all the faith - ful now your joy - ous an - thems ring,
 hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un-wea-ried prais - es be:

Of the things that are, that have been, and that fu-ture years shall see,
 ev'-ry tongue Christ's name confess - ing, count-less voic-es an - swer-ing,
 Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

*Of eternal love begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
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WORDS: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (4th century); st. 1, 3 tr. John Mason Neale, 1854, and Henry W. Baker, 1859, alt.; st. 2 tr. R. F. Davis, 1906, alt.
 MUSIC: Plainsong, Mode V (13th century); harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940

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155 Angels We Have Heard on High

Descant

4. See with - in a man - ger laid, Christ, whom choirs of

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ, who comes in
 4. See with - in a man - ger laid, Christ, whom choirs of

an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,
 o'er the plains, and the moun - tains in re - ply
 strains pro - long? What the glad - some tid - ings be
 low - ly birth. Come a - dore on bend - ed knee
 an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,

Refrain

while our hearts in love we raise. Ah!

ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Je - sus, joy of heav'n and earth. Glo - - -
 while our hearts in love we raise.

WORDS: Traditional French carol; tr. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862, alt.
 MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937;
 harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964, alt.; desc. Richard E. Gerig, 1956

GLORIA
 77.77 w. refrain

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Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Ah!

ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

I Wonder as I Wander

Unison Gm Cm7 Gm7 Cm

1. I won-der as I wan-der, out un-der the sky, how
 2. When Ma-ry birthed Je-sus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with
 3. If Je-sus had want-ed for an-y wee thing, a
 4. I won-der as I wan-der, out un-der the sky, how

Gm Cm7 Gm7 Gm

Je-sus the Sav-ior did come for to die for
 wise men and farm-ers and shep-herds and all, but
 star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or
 Je-sus the Sav-ior did come for to die for

Gm Cm7 Gm7 G7

poor ordi-nary peo-ple like you and like I; I
 high from God's heav-en a star's light did fall, the
 all of God's an-gels in heaven for to sing, he
 poor ordi-nary peo-ple like you and like I; I

Cm Cm9 Gm7 Cm *Optional Coda* Gm

won-der as I wan-der, out un-der the sky.
 prom-ise of a-ges it then did re-call.
 sure-ly could have it, 'cause he was the King.
 won-der as I wan-der, out un-der the sky. *Out un-der the sky.*

WORDS: Traditional Appalachian carol; coll. John Jacob Niles, 1934
 MUSIC: Traditional Appalachian melody; coll. John Jacob Niles,
 1934; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1984

I WONDER AS I WANDER
 arr.

1. From heaven a - bove to earth I come to
 2. To you this night is born a child of
 3. This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who
 4. "Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven, who

bring good news to ev - ery - one! Glad tid - ings of great
 Ma - ry, cho - sen vir - gin mild; this new - born child of
 hears your sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your
 un - to us the Christ has given." With an - gels sing the

joy I bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:
 low - ly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.
 Sav - ior be and from all sin will set you free.
 Sav - ior's birth, a glad new year to all the earth.

WORDS: Martin Luther, 1535; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978, alt.
 MUSIC: Valentin Schumann's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539

VOM HIMMEL HOCH
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