



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



January 29, 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

CHORAL INTROIT

'Lead Me, Lord'

arr. Samuel S. Wesley

PROCESSION WITH IMPROVISED INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ *(inspired by Psalm 15)*

Leader: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

People: Those who do justice. Those who comfort inequities and uplift the oppressed.

Leader: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

People: Those who love kindness. Those who love neighbor, friend, and foe.

Leader: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

People: Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead and answer your call.

***OPENING HYMN**

'Gather us in'

No. 284

OPENING PRAYER¹

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Pastor Jeff

***HYMN**

'Sing Hallelujah to the Lord'

No. 32

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

Holy Wisdom, you have expressed your hope for us and vision for life abundantly. Many times we settle for a temporary truce over real peace. We avoid confrontation and accountability that builds up and creates a more just world. We refuse to relentlessly pursue your will when discomfited by the cost of discipleship. For these things, forgive us O God, we pray. Amen

WORDS OF GRACE¹

SONG OF PREPARATION

'What Does the Lord Require of You'

No. 661

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:1-8 & Matthew 5:1-12 (expressed musically)

Micah 6:1-8

6 Hear what the LORD is saying:

Arise, lay out the lawsuit before the mountains;
let the hills hear your voice!

²Hear, mountains, the lawsuit of the LORD!
Hear, eternal foundations of the earth!

The LORD has a lawsuit against his people;
with Israel he will argue.

³"My people, what did I ever do to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴I brought you up out of the land of Egypt;
I redeemed you from the house of slavery.
I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam before you.

⁵My people, remember what Moab's King Balak had planned,
and how Balaam, Beor's son, answered him!
Remember everything[Ⓜ] from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you might learn to recognize the righteous acts of the LORD!"

⁶With what should I approach the LORD
and bow down before God on high?
Should I come before him with entirely burned offerings,
with year-old calves?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with many torrents of oil?
Should I give my oldest child for my crime;
the fruit of my body for the sin of my spirit?

⁸He has told you, human one, what is good and
what the LORD requires from you:
to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

Musica Expression of Matthew 5:1-12 (Led by the Worship Choir)

'The Beatitudes' #185 (*Chalice Hymnal*)

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

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

Come and Light a Candle...



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

OFFERTORY 'O Give Thanks!' (*Jamaican Folk Song*) arr. John Carter

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow' No. 47

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

***HYMN** 'For the Healing of the Nations' No. 668

*BENEDICTION¹

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. "Epiphany 4A - January 29." *United Church of Christ*, 18 Jan. 2023, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/epiphany-4a-january-29/>.

Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/B \flat Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A C G

van-ished a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/B \flat Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981

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GATHER US IN
Irr.

♩=54-60

A C/G D/F \sharp G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pass-ion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

D/F \sharp G A D A C G

spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

Gm/B \flat Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

Irr.

$\text{♩} = 72-80$

Micah 6:3

661 What Does the Lord Require of You?

All

B \flat F Gm Dm E \flat B \flat

What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-

Cm F B \flat 1. B \flat F/A Gm Dm/F

quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you?

2. Jus - tice, kind - ness,

WORDS and MUSIC: Jim Strathdee, 1986

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MOON
Irr.

♩ = 56-60

1. E \flat B \flat /D Cm F B \flat B \flat F/A

What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-

2. walk hum-bly with your God. Jus - tice,

3. To seek jus-tice

1. Gm Dm/F E \flat B \flat /D Cm7 F B \flat (1. repeat ad lib.) B \flat (last)

quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you? you?

2. kind - ness, walk hum-bly with your God. God.

3. and love kind-ness and walk hum-bly with your God. God.

1. For the heal-ing of the na-tions, God, we pray with one ac-cord;
 2. Lead us for-ward in - to free-dom; from de-spair your world re-lease,
 3. All that kills a - bun-dant liv-ing, let it from the earth be banned;
 4. You, Cre-a - tor God, have writ-ten your great name on hu-man-kind;

for a just and e - qual shar-ing of the things that earth af-fords;
 that, re-deemed from war and ha-tred, all may come and go in peace.
 pride of sta - tus, race, or school-ing, dog-mas that ob - scure your plan.
 for our grow-ing in your like-ness bring the life of Christ to mind,

to a life of love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our
 Show us how through care and good-ness fear will die and hope in -
 In our com-mon quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief
 that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may

word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.
 crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.
 span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.
 find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1965
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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