



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



February 26, 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

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

'We've Come This Far By Faith'

Albert A. Goodson,
arr. Richard Smallwood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

WELCOME TO THE LENTEN THEME *(By Pastor Jeff)*

THRESHOLD MOMENT¹

'Journey's Ended, Journey's Begun'

arr. Gregory Norbet & Mary David Callahan

Journey's ended, journey's begun:
to go where we have never been, to be beyond our past,
Moments of lifting up, transcending death,
Rising in transparent light to the fullness of God's presence...

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'Gather Us In'

No. 284

***PRAYER FOR CLEARING OUT**

Leader: Spacious God, we come today hoping for tools to sweep away the stress.

People: Let us *make* room for You.

Leader: Nudge us in this time of worship to seek the things that really matter.

People: Let us *find* room for You.

Leader: Help us to claim our own selves as a holy sanctuary where you dwell.

People: Let us *be* room for You.

Leader: In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness.

ALL: Amen.

MOMENT FOR PEACE

“When was the last time you had a chance to catch your breath?”

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

HYMN OF PREPARATION

‘Come and Find the Quiet Center’ (vs 1)

No. 575

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I’m gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. ³⁰ My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light.”

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.

ANTHEM

‘The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow’

Thomas A. Dorsey

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

‘Standing in the Need of Prayer’

African American Spiritual,
arr. William Farley Smith

*DOXOLOGY

‘My Tribute’

No. 39
Andraé Crouch

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN	'Lift Every Voice and Sing'	No. 631
*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION¹		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	'Come and Find the Quiet Center' (vs 3)	No. 575
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

¹McFee, Marcia. "(\$ Series) Busy." *Worship Design Studio*, <https://worship-design-studio.mn.co/spaces/2673141/content>.

Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/B^b 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-ish-ed 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 yourdaugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/B^b 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

GATHER US IN
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A C/G D/F[♯] 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[♯] 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^b 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.

575 Come and Find the Quiet Center

Unison F B \flat C7

1. Come and find the quiet cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
 2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
 3. In - the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's

F F B \flat

lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the
 pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
 pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -

C7 F Am7

frame where we are freed: clear the cha - os and the
 be - ing, touch - es base, mak - ing space with - in our
 brate the space we gain: there's a place for deep - est

Dm Am7 Dm Am7 B \flat (C7)

clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the
 think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing
 dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1989

MUSIC: Traditional American melody; arr. Jack Schrader

BEACH SPRING

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F B \flat C7 F

things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

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

The first system of musical notation for 'My Tribute'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The lyrics 'To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry,' are written below the treble staff.

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

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody, and the bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics 'to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done.' are written below the treble staff.

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

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody, and the bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics 'With his blood Christ has saved me; with your power you have raised me;' are written below the treble staff.

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

The fourth system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. The treble staff continues the vocal melody, and the bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics 'to God be the glo - ry for the things you have done.' are written below the treble staff.

WORDS and MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1971

MY TRIBUTE
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1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

WORDS: James Weldon Johnson, 1921
 MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

LIFT EVERY VOICE
 Tr.

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Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.