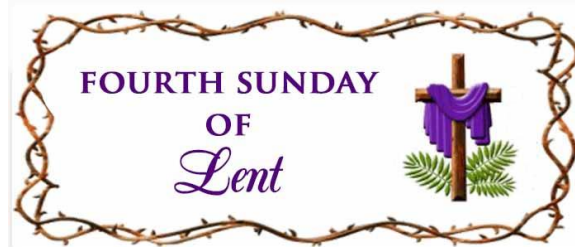




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



March 19, 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 'Tis the Gift to Be Simple' Folk Song

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sue Koza

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** 'God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending' No. 606

***PRAYER FOR CLEARING OUT**

Leader: God of Open Spaces, we are choked, clogged and cluttered.

People: Let us *make* room for You.

Leader: Draw us into this time of worship to assess our real needs.

People: Let us *find* room for You.

Leader: Help us clear out our hearts to find room for holy desires.

People: Let us *be* room for You.

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

ALL: Amen.

***MOMENT FOR PEACE**

"Do you need to lighten up?"

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

"Heaven Banks"

Dani Kardisco

HYMN OF PREPARATION

'Spirit of the Living God'

No. 259

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:29-34

Don't chase after what you will eat and what you will drink. Stop worrying. All the nations of the world long for these things. Your Father knows that you need them. Instead, desire his kingdom and these things will be given to you as well.

"Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don't wear out—a treasure in heaven that never runs out. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too.

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

BRIDGE

'Give To Us Your Peace'

No. 296

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

'Treasures'

arr. Joseph Martin

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

'All Things Bright and Beautiful'

arr. Cecil Frances Alexander

***DOXOLOGY**

sung to the tune of Old Hundredth

**For time to savor God's good gifts
For space to breathe and hearts to lift
For ways to reach out and to give
We offer thanks and vow to live!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION¹**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** '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
Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

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



A Note On The Paraments

The liturgical color for Lent is purple. The antependium on the pulpit depicts the journey of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday. The hangings show a world bursting forth after a winter of hidden seeds. In this time of reflection and preparation we anticipate the joy that is to come on Easter.

Journey's Ended, Journey's Begun (Refrain)

Em *a tempo* D Em
Jour - neys end - ed, jour - neys be - gun: _____ to go where we have

Bm Am B7 *rit.* Em *a tempo* Am Em
nev - er been, to be be - yond our past, _____ mo - ments of lift - ing up, trans -

Am B7 *rit.* Em *a tempo* G Am
cend - ing death, _____ ris - ing in trans - par - ent light to the full - ness of

B7 Em Bm Em Am
God's pres - ence. _____

606 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,
2. Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3. Trea-sure too you have en-trust-ed, gain thru powers your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door:
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel Word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands, in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.



WORDS: Robert L. Edwards, 1961
MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

LIVING GOD
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Give to Us Your Peace

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Ostinato

Am C Dm Esus E

Do - na no - bis pa - cem Do - mi - ne.
Give to us your peace, O Je - sus Christ.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It features a series of chords: Am, C, Dm, Esus, and E. The melody is simple, with notes corresponding to the lyrics. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a 4/4 time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords that mirror the top staff.

WORDS: Traditional Latin; tr. the Taizé Community
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier and the Taizé Community

DONA NOBIS PACEM DOMINE
Irr.

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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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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!