



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



April 9, 2023

ORGAN & FESTIVAL PRELUDE (9:30 am - 9:55 am)

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

'He Lives'

Alfred H. Ackley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to our Good God whose unfailing love lasts forever!

ALL: Give thanks to our Risen God whose unfailing love lives forever!

Leader: We gather together in the dawn of a new day. We look toward the tomb to seek the
Enfleshed Word.

ALL: The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty! Alleluia!

Leader: We find God alive in the searching, in the garden, in our hope-filled spaces.

ALL: Alleluia. Christ lives and finds us with unfailing love!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'Christ The Lord Is Risen Today'

No. 216

OPENING PRAYER¹

YOUTH CHOIR & CHANCEL CHOIR

'Antiphonal Alleluia'

arr. James Brighton

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco

CHANCEL RINGERS

'O For A Heart To Praise My God'

Carl Glaeser,
arr. Patricia Hurlbut

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

Amazing God, we know there is nothing you cannot overcome. We confess to our profound need of your love, strength, and mercy. Too often, we come toward the tomb resigned to the status quo. We anticipate the worst even when you are the provider of every good and perfect thing. We allow despair over the condition of our world to overwhelm us when you call us to follow you. Fortify us to live abundantly in your kin-dom on earth. Transform us and breathe new life into us. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE¹**

***HYMN**

'Crown Him With Many Crowns'

No. 234

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 28:1-10*

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

***HYMN**

'Alleluia, Sing To Jesus'

No. 233

PASTORAL PRAYER W/ CANDLE LIGHTING

ANTHEM

'Let Everything That Hath Breath'

Jeffrey Ames

CALL FOR OFFERINGS¹

OFFERTORY

'Joy In The Morning'

Natalie Sleeth

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow'

No. 47

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ALL: Giving God, receive this portion of the gifts you have given us. May our time, our treasures, and our talents be magnified and multiplied for your glory. Amen.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God whose grace endures forever.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Leader: This table is open to all who seek nourishment from God's eternal abundance. This table does not belong to any single one of us, or only to this Beloved Community - this table is God's table, extending beyond this place and throughout the entirety of time and space. This table is grace and love. This table is welcome and acceptance. Come to the table and join in this meal not because you must, but because you have been invited extravagantly by the one who created you. Let us pray,

COMMUNION PRAYER

Barry Shelley

SANCTUS

'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

Barry Shelley

Leader: In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did; for our benefit.

In sharing this meal we live out the mystery of our faith,

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE POURING OF THE CUP

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

In the cup poured out we receive the new life that Christ brings. The gifts of God for the people of God, come for all things are ready.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Please wait to consume the bread and the cup until the whole congregation is directed to do so at the same time by the pastors. Communion in the sanctuary will be served in the pews by members of our Deacons' board. Worship participants who are joining us from home may use elements readily available to them; such as bread or crackers and juice or water.

Leader: The Body of Christ,

People: The Bread of Life.

Leader: Take and eat.

COMMUNION ANTHEM 'I Know That My Redeemer Liveth' (from Messiah) *Alisa Cassola*

Leader: The lifeblood of Christ,

People: The Cup of Blessing.

Leader: Take and drink.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(together)*

Leader: Almighty God, we thank you for this feast of life. Fed by your love, and strengthened by your life; we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope and to share your joy.

ALL: You commission us to feed as we have been fed, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to love as we have been loved. Thank you for your nourishment here and throughout our lives. Amen.

*HYMN 'Thine is the Glory' No. 218

*BENEDICTION

Now, friends, go forth into the world and serve God with gladness. Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, and render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve God rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit to resurrect, to redeem, and to transform.

As you go from our worship today may God be in your going, may Christ be in your doing, and may the Spirit be in your learning. Go in peace to love and serve God, proclaiming the good news of God's resurrecting love! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Anton Faynberg, Pianist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Barry Shelley, Lay Reader

A Note On The Paraments

The liturgical color for Easter and Eastertide is white. Eastertide lasts until Pentecost, May 28, when the color will change to red. The wall hangings are memorial paraments crafted over 25 years ago by Priscilla Bailey and Katrina Clinton to honor their loved ones. The gold trumpets over the cross outlines declare the glory of the resurrection.

216 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Descant

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, A - le - lu - ia!

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Fol - low - ing our Head, A - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, A - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Made like him, like him we rise, A - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: *Lyn Dvořáková*, 1708; desc. Charles H. Webb

EASTER HYMN
 77.77 w. alleluias

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Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Christ has op - ened par - a - dise.
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Crown Him with Many Crowns 234

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heav-en-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
 those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 his glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise and glo-ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA
 SMD

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus, ris - en now to reign in love.
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans we are left in sor - row now.
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Heav - en, be on earth our food and stay.

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Sav - ior; with the mul - ti - tudes a - bove.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day.

There the songs of saints and mar - tyrs thun - der like a might - y flood,
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er,
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, plead for me,

"Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 shall our hearts for - get the prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1866, alt.
 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830

HYFRYDOL
 87.87D

47 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 2/2 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

Alt. tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (altered rhythm)

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye

Musical notation for the third system, concluding the piece. The lyrics are: heaven-ly hosts: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thine Is the Glory

1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son,
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom;
 Life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love.

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 Bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1746

MACCABEUS
 55.65.65.65 w. refrain

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son,

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.