



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



May 7, 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

'Ubi Caritas'

plainchant

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADULTS: Let us worship with hearts untroubled, believing in God and in God's Son Jesus who said...

CHILDREN: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

ADULTS: As we worship we look to God's house, the house with many dwelling places, where Jesus has prepared a place for us saying...

CHILDREN: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

ADULTS: Jesus said that he will come again, to take us himself to God's house with many dwelling places, because Jesus told us...

CHILDREN: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

ADULTS: Even when it isn't clear to us, we know the way to that house, into God's heart and kingdom, because Jesus continues to say...

CHILDREN: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

OPENING PRAYER¹

***HYMN**

'I Love to Tell the Story'

No. 480

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

Holy God, we were not able to love You with all our hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves. We wanted to be forgiven, but we could not forgive others. Please give us grace of forgiveness so that we can get back on our feet today. There are still conflicts throughout the world, and even in our own lives. Help us to face conflicts with grace instead of anger or resentment. Help us to resolve conflicts rather than fighting over them. Please give us Your will and wisdom to overcome conflicts so that we can live together in peace. Lead us to a new step, free from hatred and conflict - recognizing you as the Way, and the Truth, and the Light. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE ACTED OUT

John Baglole, Karl Koza, Marcia Olson, Pastor Jeff

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

During this time, we invite you to embrace the transition from hearing the word to gathering ourselves in prayer by taking a moment for quiet reflection either in your pew, or by coming forward to light a candle to give light to the prayer(s) on your heart that have no words to be expressed.

Come and Light a Candle...



PASTORAL PRAYER¹

Creator God, We pray for a healthy earth, That leaders will make good choices for our environment, That people will all do their bit to conserve water and electricity, That the three R's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, will be practiced in homes, schools and workplaces. And for other environmental concerns on our hearts today.

God in your grace,
Hear our prayers

Loving God, We pray for our communities and families. For those who don't feel like they belong, to feel accepted. For those who are fighting, to hear one another and find peace. For those who are sick or injured, that they find strength and comfort. And for other people we know who are on our hearts today.

God in your grace,
Hear our prayers

God our holy parent, surround us in loving embrace, fill us and bless each breath, hear these prayers of our hearts, joined in community here today.

God in your grace,
Hear our prayers.

CHOIR ANTHEM

'Here I Am to Worship'

arr. Larry Shackley

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

We believe that stewardship is not just monetary, you can always give in other ways. In your pew, there are blank notecards and envelopes. Feel free to write a note to Jesus with an offering. Perhaps it can start with "Dear Jesus, I offer..." It can be a way you might offer yourself to the church, a family member, friend, sibling, or community.

OFFERTORY

'His Eye is On the Sparry'
'I Sing Because I'm Happy'

No. 82
arr. Rollo Dilworth

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'Majesty'

**ALL SING: Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flows from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(children are invited to come forward to sit on the floor in front of the communion table)

ALL: God is great, God is good, and we thank God for our food, by God's hands we all are fed, give us God our daily bread. Amen.

REMEMBERING THE STORY

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING THE ELEMENTS *(By Approaching The Chancel)*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

'Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race'

No. 485

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Sign Language With Mr. David*)

“Thank you God.” “You are Good” “We are loved” “Amen”

***HYMN**

‘Take My Gifts’

No. 381

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Anton Faynberg

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

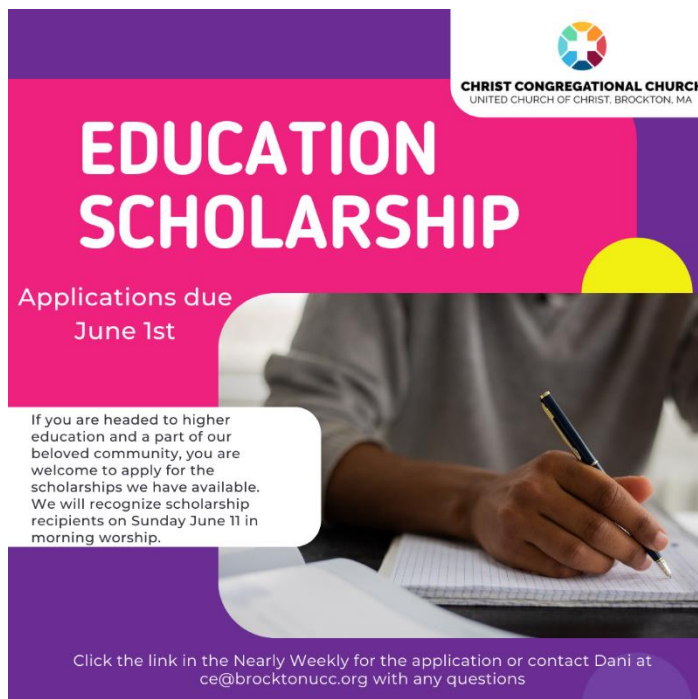
Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

Rev. Mei-Shem MacArthur, Sharon Lee. “Easter 3a-April 23.” *United Church of Christ*, 18 Apr. 2023, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-3a-april-23>



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EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Applications due
June 1st

If you are headed to higher education and a part of our beloved community, you are welcome to apply for the scholarships we have available. We will recognize scholarship recipients on Sunday June 11 in morning worship.

Click the link in the Nearly Weekly for the application or contact Dani at ce@brocktonucc.org with any questions

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MIDDAY MUSIC

DRUMMING with GREG FERNANDES!



WEDNESDAY MAY 10
12:15 PM



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I Love to Tell the Story

480

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when, in

tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my
 tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal -
 scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old

long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 va - tion from God's own ho - ly word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill
 sto - ry that I have loved so long.

be my theme in glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

WORDS: Katherine Hankey, c. 1868
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

HANKEY
 76.76D w. refrain

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Unison

1. Why should I feel dis - cour - aged, why should the
 2. "Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der
 3. When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, when - ev - er

shad - ows come, why should my heart be lone - ly
 word I hear, and rest - ing on his good - ness,
 clouds a - rise, when song gives place to sigh - ing,

and long for heaven and home, when Je - sus is my
 I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he
 when hope with - in me dies, I draw the clos - er

por - tion? My con - stant friend is he: his eye is
 lead - eth but one step I may see: his eye is
 to him, from care he sets me free: his eye is

on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me; his
 on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me; his
 on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me; his

eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.
 eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.
 eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.

Refrain Harmony

I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, I'm hap - py, I

sing be - cause I'm free, I'm free, for his eye is
 on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.

WORDS: Civilla D. Martin, 1905
MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

SPARROW
Irr. w. refrain

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race 485

1. Di - verse in cul - ture, na - tion, race, we
 2. God, let us be a bridge of care con -
 3. When cha - sms wid - en, storms a - rise, O
 4. God, let us be a ta - ble spread with

come to - geth - er by your grace. God, let us be a
 nect - ing peo - ple ev - 'ry - where. Help us con - front all
 Ho - ly Spir - it, make us wise. Let our re - solve, like
 gifts of love and bro - ken bread, where all find wel - come,

meet - ing ground where hope and heal - ing love are found.
 fear and hate and lust for pow'r that sep - a - rate.
 steel, be strong to stand with those who suf - fer wrong.
 grace at - tends, and en - e - mies a - rise as friends.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1991
 MUSIC: Thomas Tallis, 1561

TALLIS' CANON
 LM

1. Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of
 2. Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your
 3. Take what-ever I can offer— gifts that I have

all loved me, gave me light and food and shel - ter,
 Spir - it sowed, har - vest of your own com - pas - sion,
 yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharp - en,

gave me life and set me free, now be - cause your
 juice that makes the wine of God, spiced with hu - mor,
 tal - ents of the hand and mind, things made beau - ti -

love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
 laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
 ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1988
 MUSIC: Colin Gibson, 1988

TALAVERA TERRACE
 87.87D

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now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to
 tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of

mul - ti - ply!
 yond be - lief.

all loved me.