



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



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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 'Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove' **ST. AGNES**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sue Koza

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Let us see the work of God

ALL: In wisdom God has made everything

Leader: Let us share the Spirit that God has created

ALL: In Glory God gave us the Spirit

Leader: Let us come and worship our God together

ALL: We accept the Holy Spirit in each of us

Leader: Let us sing praises to God

ALL: Together we are one people, let our Spirit rejoice!

OPENING PRAYER

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Kim Engle

***HYMN**

'On Pentecost They Gathered'

MUNICH,
No. 237

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

Most loving God. As the days get warmer and the nights shorter we find ourselves reveling in your creation. The leaves are green, the gardens are being planted and we are busy with our springtime tasks. We are reminded of all of the gifts you give us in nature but at times are not good stewards of it. We are sometimes blind to the destructive weather affecting our siblings near and far, especially in those communities already suffering from poverty and insecurity. Lord, we need help being the one body you have made us to be, we can be unseeing of the need for economic, racial, and social justice, please help us to not only see but act as the people you have made us to be. Let us walk as one body with many gifts as you have taught us, here and out in your creation. Amen

WORDS OF GRACE

SONG OF PREPARATION

'Blessed Quietness'

No. 267

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

SERMON

Kim Engle

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 PRAYER

We will continue to share prayer concerns among the congregation by lifting up the name of a person, or naming a situation, at which point Pastor Jeff will repeat the concern raised. Once Pastor Jeff has repeated the concern the entire congregation will respond with "God in your mercy, hear our prayer". Once we have concluded sharing our prayer concerns Pastor Jeff will begin today's pastoral prayer, followed by the prayer of Jesus.

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

‘Send Down Your Spirit Lord’

Traditional Spiritual,
arr. Nancy Price/John Besig

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

We are thankful for the many gifts God has given us, God’s faithfulness, love and presence. We are thankful for God’s gift of wisdom and generosity and we respond following God’s example, giving all that we are able to give. The morning offering will now be received.

OFFERTORY

‘Shine, Jesus, Shine’

Graham Kendrick,
arr. Mark Hayes

***DOXOLOGY**

‘Take My Gifts’ vs. 3

TALAVERA TERRACE
No. 381

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

‘Wake the Dawn Is Now Full Rising’

JEFFERSON
No. 239

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Anton Faynberg

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Kim Engle
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist
Alisa Cassola, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter
Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

Descant

4. O Spir - it, sent from heav-en on that day long a - go,

1. On Pen-te-cost they gath-ered quite ear-ly in the day,
 2. The peo-ple all a-round them were star-tled and a-mazed
 3. God pours the Ho-ly Spir-it on all who would be-lieve,
 4. O Spir-it, sent from heav-en on that day long a-go,

re - kin-dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

a band of Christ's dis-ci-ples, to wor-ship, sing, and pray.
 to un-der-stand their lan-guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom-en, men, and chil-dren who would God's grace re-ceive.
 re - kin-dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

Give ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

A might-y wind came blow-ing, filled all the swirl-ing air,
 What u - ni-ver-sal mes-sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir-it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
 MUSIC: Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847;
 desc. O. I. Cricket Harrison, 1994

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so ev - ery na - tion glad songs shall raise.

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in-spired each per-son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van-quist all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions glad songs of joy shall raise.

1. Joys are flow - ing like a riv - er, since the
 2. Bring - ing life and health and glad - ness all a -
 3. Like the rain that falls from heav - en, like the
 4. See, a fruit - ful field is grow - ing, bless - ed
 5. What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, when we

1. Com - fort - er has come; Christ a - bides with us for -
 2. round, this heav - en - ly Guest ban - ished un - be - lief and
 3. sun - light from the sky, so the Spir - it too is
 4. fruit of righ - teous - ness; and the streams of life are
 5. al - ways see Christ's face, what a per - fect hab - i -

1. ev - er, makes the trust - ing heart a home.
 2. sad - ness, changed our wea - ri - ness to rest.
 3. giv - en, com - ing on us from on high.
 4. flow - ing in the lone - ly wil - der - ness.
 5. ta - tion, what a qui - et rest - ing place.

WORDS: Manie P. Ferguson, c. 1897.

MUSIC: W. S. Marshall, c. 1897; arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981, alt.

BLESSED QUIETNESS

87.87 w. refrain

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Refrain
 Bless - ed qui - et - ness, ho - ly qui - et - ness, what as -
 sur - ance in my soul. On the storm - y sea, Je - sus
 speaks to me, and the bil - lows cease to roll.

Take My Gifts

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

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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.

239 Wake, the Dawn Is Now Full Rising

Unison Gm E♭ Dm Gm

1. Wake, the dawn is now full ris - ing, by the Spir - it
 2. Rise and stand in noon's high glo - ry, Christ is here in
 3. Rest while eve - ning shad - ows length - en; God's own church is

E♭ F Gm Gm Dm Gm

we are roused; see - ing, touch - ing, hear - ing feel - ing,
 new ar - ray, crowns of fire our count'nance bright - en;
 now full born. Know the peace by Spir - it giv - en,

E♭ B♭ Dm Gm Gm F B♭

Christ's new life in us is housed. Al - le - lu - ia!
 winds of hope re - fresh our way. Al - le - lu - ia!
 share the hush of pil - grims worn. Al - le - lu - ia!

Gm Dm Gm E♭ F B♭ Gm Dm

Praise the Spir - it who for earth a church de - signs.
 Raise the sing - ing, now one tongue God's love em - ploys.
 God, we won - der at your great - ness still un - told.

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 MUSIC: William Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835;
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Alt. tune: HYMN TO JOY

Gm Dm Gm Dm Gm E♭ F Gm

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the proph - ets who fore - named these ho - ly times.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Raise the prais - es now one bod - y lives with joy.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Awed, we pon - der all your gifts that still un - fold.