



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



July 2, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Howard



***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

No. 631

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: O Sing to God a song of joy,

People: For we have been greeted by our God.

Leader: O Dance for God a waltz of welcome,

People: For we have been embraced by our God.

Leader: O Create for God a portrait of hope,

People: For we have been inspired by our God.



OPENING PRAYER¹



PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹

ALL: Holy Prophet, Divine Warmth; creating a home for strangers and friends can often take extra effort. From the extra cleaning to food preparations, we spend extra time, talents, and treasures to care for your children. Sometimes, we often do not feel as if we have the energy to go the extra distance - to ensure the drinks are cold and our homes are cozy. Give us an extra boost in our bodies, minds, and souls to be the welcome team in your Realm. May we embrace divine hospitality as we care for the ones struggling the most, the ones caring for your creation, and the ones speaking prophetically for you. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE¹

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco



*HYMN OF PREPARATION

'Thy Word' (3 times)

No. 326

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴ "Don't think that I've come to bring peace to the earth. I haven't come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ I've come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ People's enemies are members of their own households.

³⁷ "Those who love father or mother more than me aren't worthy of me. Those who love son or daughter more than me aren't worthy of me. ³⁸ Those who don't pick up their crosses and follow me aren't worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their lives will lose them, and those who lose their lives because of me will find them.

⁴⁰ "Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded."



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 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.



*HYMN

'We Call Ourselves Disciple'

No. 357

CALL FOR OFFERINGS¹



OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come' (vs 3)

No. 718



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹



SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

REMEMBERING THE STORY & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE CUP

SHARING THE ELEMENTS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another. As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread, may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope. Amen.



*HYMN

'God of Grace and God of Glory'

No. 464

BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Anton Faynberg

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

Torigian, Rev. Michelle L. "After Pentecost 5A - July 2 and General Synod Worship @home." *United Church of Christ*, 1 June 2023, www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-5a-july-2-and-general-synod-worship-home/.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Vacation Bible School

Monday, August 14- Thursday, August 17

Ages 4-12

5:30-7:30pm

Registration starting in July via the Nearly Weekly or after church in the Narthex.



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Lift Every Voice and Sing

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
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LIFT EVERY VOICE
Irr.

♩=64-70

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.

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Thy Word

Unison E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat E \flat

Thy word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

WORDS: Amy Grant, 1984
MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. Keith Phillips

THY WORD
Irr.

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1. We call our-selves dis - ci - ples, as pil-grims on the way.
 2. The cup and cross be-fore us, pro-claim our hope a'-bove,
 3. We're bap-tized in the Spir - it, in wa-ters God pro-vides.
 4. We join with all dis - ci - ples to live the Word in deed,
 5. So now the vi-sion bright-ens, the light of Christ burns still

1. We seek the truth in wis - dom, and beau - ty in each day.
 2. the sign of our Re-deem - er, the ves - sel of his love.
 3. In Christ we rise to new - ness, for in him we have died.
 4. to share the cup of wa - ter and bread with all in need;
 5. in hearts of all dis - ci - ples to be the church God wills.

1. As wom-en, men, and chil - dren, we serve, Christ's path to clear.
 2. Once more the cross is lift - ed, the cup poured out for all.
 3. Now dead to powers of e - vil, and free from hope-less fears,
 4. to work till God's com- pass - ion and righ-teous-ness pre - vail,
 5. From qui-et med - i - ta - tion, and joy - ous hymns of praise,

1. In joy-ful ex - pec - ta - tion we see God's reign draw near.
 2. When gath-ered at the ta - ble we hear our com-mon call.
 3. we live with faith and pur - pose, cre - a - tive through the years.
 4. till all this plan-et's peo - ple know jus - tice with-out fail.
 5. we go to do God's mis-sion! Christ, lead us all our days!

WORDS: Jim Miller, 1984
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1836

LANCASHIRE
 76.76D

718 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Descant

3. These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence our blessings flow;

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
 2. All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,
 3. These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless-ings flow;

for these our souls raise grate-ful vows and praise. Come, then, ye

all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
 all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,
 and for these our souls shall raise grate-ful vows and sol-emn praise.

thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

God, our Mak-er, does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;
 all that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,
 Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

WORDS: St. 1, Henry Alford, 1884; st. 2, 3, Anna Barbauld (18th century)
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1858; desc. O. I. Crickett Harrison, 1994

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
 77.77D

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come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 all that lib-eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,
 come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

God of Grace and God of Glory 464

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; fill our lives that
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

1. pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 2. sail thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us,
 3. thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 4. we may be strength - ened with all Christ - like gra - ces
 5. we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

1. bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 2. free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 3. rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 4. pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 5. be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

1. for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 2. for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 3. lest we miss thy righ - teous goal, lest we miss thy righ - teous goal.
 4. lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.
 5. serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE