



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



June 4, 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	'Eternal Father, Strong to Save' <i>(official hymn of the US Navy)</i>	MELITA
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Sue Koza
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	'Holy, Holy, Holy'	NICAEA No. 4

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: After Jesus' death and resurrection He called the eleven to a mountaintop in Galilee and they went.

People: Let us be attentive to the voice of Jesus and bravely go when called.

Leader: Once the eleven saw Jesus they doubted but still worshiped Him.

People: Let us forgive ourselves when we doubt, and remain open to understanding as we encounter Jesus.

Leader: As they worshiped, Jesus declared his authority and charged the eleven to *GO* to *ALL* People. He instructed them to build community with *ALL* people, be willing to touch *ALL* people, and be willing to minister to *ALL* people.

People: Let us bravely Go to All people; especially those society often tries to ignore.

Leader: Jesus instructed the eleven to use their voice, their stories, and their authentic truth as a witness to those whom they ministered to.

People: Let us stand in authenticity empowered by the Holy Spirit as we bravely share our story to help others find the love of Jesus.

Leader: Jesus assured the eleven to remember that He would always be with them.

ALL: Let us bravely live, work, and GO in authenticity as we do the work of connecting people with the Love of Jesus. Let us remember that His love, peace, and hope is always with us.

Amen.

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

Loving God, often in our quest to do the work that we are called to do we miss the mark. At times we doubt even as we worship. Sometimes in the same day that we offer gratitude for answered prayers and blessings received, we think thoughts of apprehension and utter words of uncertainty concerning those same blessings. Occasionally we forget that the peace, love, hope, and joy of the Divine extends beyond the walls of our churches, and the hearts of those who identify as Christians. Frequently we forget how the Divine and Jesus have moved in our own lives. Help us to push through our doubt. Help us to move past our selfishness and fear of “other people.” Help us to truly love our neighbors as ourselves—all of our neighbors. Please change our hearts God. Please help us to muster the bravery to put into practice the light and love of Jesus. Help us to love boldly without hesitation. All humans are worthy of experiencing the Love of Christ. Please change our hearts and minds. Please show us how to love all. We confess that we get it wrong all the time and we pray that you help us to do better. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE¹

*HYMN

‘Nearer My God to Thee’

BETHANY
No. 577

A TIME FOR ALL AGES



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism for Charlotte Grace Crawford to affirm our belief that she is a beloved child of God. Her parents, Jennine and Michael, are here to promise to raise her in the life of faith. They are joined in making that promise by Charlotte’s big brother, Michael Robert Crawford, and Charlotte’s godparents, Renee Mancini and Richard Gillespie.

BAPTISMAL HYMN

‘All Things Bright and Beautiful’

ROYAL OAK
No. 61

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

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...



RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*Being confirmed today are: *Cody Cappiello, Chris Hill, and Tavi Swisher-Rosa*. Participating as today's lay liturgist, and part of the confirmation cohort: *Nick Colby*.*

INVITATION

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

Leader: Covenant is a promise—it is an agreement between a person, their community, and God. Covenant is a concept that is found throughout the Bible. Today, you are making a covenant between yourself, God, and the church of Jesus Christ and so we have several questions to ask of you. Cody, Chris, and Tavi - do you desire to affirm the covenant of grace God once made with you in your baptism?

CANDIDATES: I do.

Leader: Do you promise to walk in the way of Jesus Christ- faithfully trying to make choices that serve God and the good of God's children?

CANDIDATES: I do with the help of God.

Leader: Will you continue to learn about the teachings of Christ, and participate in Christ's community through worship, prayer, communion, mission, and outreach?

CANDIDATES: I will with the help of God.

Leader: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, witnessing to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able.

CANDIDATES: I will with the help of God.

UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH *(in unison)*

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CANDIDATES

Confirmands: O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life.

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYERS OF BLESSING AND 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.

VOWS OF PARTICIPATION

Leader: Cody, Chris, and Tavi, you have reaffirmed the faith into which you were baptized and we celebrate that you were led to make that profession within this community of Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Would you please face the congregation as we make promises to this community of faith. Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of faith, to continue to grow in the Christian faith with us through worship, prayer, giving and mission, and fellowship? If so, please say, "I promise with the help of God."

Confirmands: I promise with the help of God.

PROMISES OF THE CONGREGATION

Leader: Church Family of Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, you have heard that these young people desire to continue to grow in the Christian Faith with you. Let us pledge to these confirmands our continued support and care.

ALL: We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SENDING

CHOIR ANTHEM

'Lead Me, Precious Lord'

Thomas A. Dorsey and Doris Akers
arr. Arr. Paul Davidson

CALL FOR OFFERINGS¹

OFFERTORY

'Bless the Lord, O My Soul'

Pavel Chesnokov

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'Glory Be to the Creator'

GREATOREX
No. 35

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹



SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

REMEMBERING THE STORY & BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Covenant Ringers: Carol Bradford, director

'Melody'

Robert Schumann
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

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

'Now Thank We All Our God'

NUN DANKET
No. 715

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

¹Terry, Rev. Derek. "Trinity Sunday A - June 4." *United Church of Christ*, 19 May 2023, www.ucc.org/worship-way/trinity-sunday-a-june-4/

June Sunday School

- June 6th**- We WILL have Sunday School. We will be preparing for Children and Youth Sunday School.
- June 11th**- This is our LAST Sunday School to prepare for Children and Youth Sunday!
- June 18th**- CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY!! Meet in the Sanctuary for pre-service rehearsal at 9:15am.
- June 25th**- Pride Sunday
No Sunday School until September 10th
Children expected to sit with families until Time for All Ages and then will have an activity at the playground until offering when they will return to their seats.

4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4. Ho - ly, God Al - might - y!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee;
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Thy works praise thee in earth and sky and sea;
 Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see;
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

God most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y;

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826, alt.

MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861; desc. O. I. Cricket Harrison, 1994

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God, all ho - ly, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 God ev - er - liv - ing, through e - ter - ni - ty.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Nearer, My God, to Thee

1. Near - er, my God, to thee, near - er to thee!
 2. When like the wan - der - er, the sun gone down,
 3. There let the way ap - pear, steps un - to heaven;
 4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts bright with thy praise,
 5. Or if, on joy - ful wing cleav - ing the sky,

1. E'en though it be a cross that rais - eth me,
 2. dark - ness be - o - ver me, my rest a stone;
 3. all that thou send - est me, in mer - cy given;
 4. out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;
 5. sun, moon, and stars for - got, up - ward I fly,

1. still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to thee;
 2. then in my dreams I'd be near - er, my God, to thee;
 3. an - gels to beck - on me near - er, my God, to thee;
 4. so - by my woes to be near - er, my God, to thee;
 5. still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to thee;

near - er, my God, to thee, near - er to thee!

61 All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, in love God made them all.

1. Each lit - tle flower that op - ens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848

MUSIC: English melody (17th century); adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

ROYAL OAK

76.76 w. refrain

♩=112-120

God made their glow - ing col - ors, and made their tin - y wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

Glory Be to the Father

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment of chords.

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

The second system of music continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first system.

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - - men. A - - men.

The third system of music concludes the piece with a final cadence in the bass staff marked with a double bar line and the number 8.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology (3rd-4th centuries)
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God our Fa - ther and our Moth - er,

who won-drous things has done, in whom the world re - joic - es,
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
 to Christ and to the One who binds us to each oth - er,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us full of grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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