



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



June 11, 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

'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'

LOBE DEN HERREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Koza

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: Look at the birds of the air;
they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns
and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

People: May our hearts be open to trust you.

Leader: Look at the birds of the air;
they neither study nor plan nor plot their course
and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

People: May our eyes be open to see you.

Leader: Look at the birds of the air;
they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility
yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

People: May our hands be open to serve you.

OPENING PRAYER

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'When In Our Music, God is Glorified'

No. 7

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

Good and Gracious God, often we store up our treasures in places we feel will be safe. Safe for us. Safe for our families and friends. Safe from *OTHER* people. We are afraid that there will never be enough. We try to guard ourselves against going without, and in doing so we forget what Jesus taught us - to store our treasures in heaven, because where we store our treasure is where our hearts will dwell. Jesus taught us to look to the birds and the flowers, and to follow their example of constant praise at all that has *ALWAYS* been provided. Forgive us, O God, for the times we have withheld from others - not because we could not give, but because we were afraid of what we'd lose. Forgive us for holding tightly, when you call us to live with our hands out open and stretched. Remind us again of the ways you have, and always will, provide for our every need in every season. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

*HYMN

'Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing'

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

Dani Kardisco & CE Board

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Today we recognize those in our beloved community who are graduating from their current course of study, and moving to the next stages of their lives.

**Graduating from high school: Sofia Shelley-Weiss & Gabe Swisher-Rosa*

**Graduating from college: Ang Colby*

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco

SONG OF PREPARATION

'For the Beauty of the Earth'

Chancel Ringers

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25-33

25 "Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? 27 Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? 28 And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. 29 But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. 30 If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, won't God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? 31 Therefore, don't worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' 32 Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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...





SERVICE OF FAREWELL FOR MURRAY KIDD

GIVING AND SHARING OF SYMBOLS

VOWS OF RELEASE

Leader: Do you, the members and friends of Christ Congregational Church, release Murray Kidd from the duties of being your music director?

ALL: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you offer your encouragement for his ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

ALL: We do, with the help of God.

PRAYER OF RELEASING

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

'Let Everything That Hath Breath'

arr. Jeffrey Ames

MOMENT FOR PLANNED GIVING

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

'We Are One'

arr. Brian Tate

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'Laudate Dominum'

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sung by Alisa Cassola

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

'My Life Flows On, How Can I Keep From Singing

No. 619

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'The Lord Bless You and Keep You'

arr. Peter Lutkin

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

¹Hawker, Katherine. "Call to Worship: Matthew 6: 25-27." *Call to Worship: Matthew 6: 25-27*, re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/02/call-to-worship-matthew-6-25-27.html. Accessed 7 June 2023.



OUR GRADUATES

Sofia Shelley-Wyss is a 2023 graduate of Brockton High School. During her senior year of high school, she was a member of her school's field hockey team and drama club. She played field hockey her sophomore, junior, and senior years, and is interested in playing at some level in college. She also hopes to participate in some type of drama club in college. This fall she is starting at Clark University in Worcester, where she plans to major in Studio Arts with a focus in interior design. She is also hoping to minor in Environmental Science.

Gabe Swisher-Rosa has been a part of the Christ Congregational Church since he was three years old. He has always had an interest in exploring deep ideas and the political workings of the world around him. In the 9th grade Gabe made the brave move to leave home and attend Deerfield Academy in Deerfield Massachusetts where he has made an indelible mark as an accomplished dancer, choreographing four original pieces in his final two years of school while maintaining his academic standing as an honors student. He also made his debut just this year as a diver, making it all the way to New England Championships. During his senior year he was admitted by early decision to Williams College where he will work to build a contract major in philosophy, Arabic, Latin American Studies, and literature. He has his future goals set on the pursuit of a law degree.

Ang Colby has graduated Cum Laude from Stonehill College with a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education and Sociology. During her time in school, she participated in many leadership role activities such as a First Generation Ambassador for incoming First-Years, an Orientation Leader, and a Welcome Leader. She was also a part of many honors societies such as Tri-Alpha (First Generation Honors Society), Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honors Society), and Kappa Delta Phi (Education Honors Society). With her dream job of being a Special Educator, Ang plans on teaching a class of her own in the upcoming school year.

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

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Unison

1. When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o - ra - tion
 2. How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di - men - sion
 3. So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and love, through
 4. And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most e - vil
 5. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re - joice who

1. leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried,
 2. in the world of sound, as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 3. cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 4. strove a - gainst the Light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 5. have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to

1. "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 2. "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 3. "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 4. "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 5. sing al - ways: "Al - le - lu - ia!"

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 MUSIC: Charles V. Stanford, 1904

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1. My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring-ing.
 3. What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?