



**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



June 18, 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\**

**As you entered worship this morning, you received a bag of worship tools. In the bag there is an egg shaker (for making music during hymns), a mini ribbon dancer (for dancing in your pew during hymns), crayons (for the sermon), bubbles (for the bubble prayer), and a finger light (for spreading Jesus' light during the final hymn). At the end of the service, please place your items back in the bag and place the bag in the bins as you exit the sanctuary to be used another time. Thank you and have fun!**

**PRELUDE** 'Fairest Lord Jesus' Art Turner

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES** 'Jesus Loves Me'

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Sue Koza

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.

**People: We have come to follow Jesus.**

Leader: Love your enemies, even when it is hard.

**People: We have come to follow Jesus.**

Leader: Bless those who do not support you, and pray for them.

**People: We have come to follow Jesus.**

Leader: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**People: We have come to follow Jesus.**

Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Tavi Swisher-Rosa

**\*HYMN**

'This is the Day' (*twice*)

Les Garrett

Pulpit: This is the day

Eagle: This is the day

Pulpit: That the Lord has made

Eagle: That the Lord has made

Pulpit: We will rejoice

Eagle: We will rejoice

Pulpit: And be glad in it

Eagle: And be glad in it

**ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day,**

**That the Lord has made**

**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

Children & Dani

*Our children will be acting out 3 scenarios where they do not follow the Golden Rule. After each scenario, please respond with the following congregational response:*

**Congregation Response:**

**God forgive us when we forget to treat others the way we want to be treated.**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

**\*HYMN**

'Jesus Loves Me'

No. 113

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 7:12**

<sup>12</sup>So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**Luke 6:27-31**

<sup>27</sup> "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**1 John 3:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup> If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

'Jesu, Jesu' refrain (twice)

No. 600

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

Dani, Children & Congregation

**IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

Duncan Vinson

*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...**



**RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & NICU QUILT BLESSINGS**

**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**

'Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant'

No. 490

**MOMENT FOR PLANNED GIVING**

**CALL FOR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

'Morning Praise'

Jan Sanborn

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'Halle-Halle-Halle-lu-ja' *(twice)*

No. 41

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN**

'I Am the Light of the World' vs 2, 3, 4

No. 469

**BENEDICTION**

Children

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Amen'

No. 317

POSTLUDE

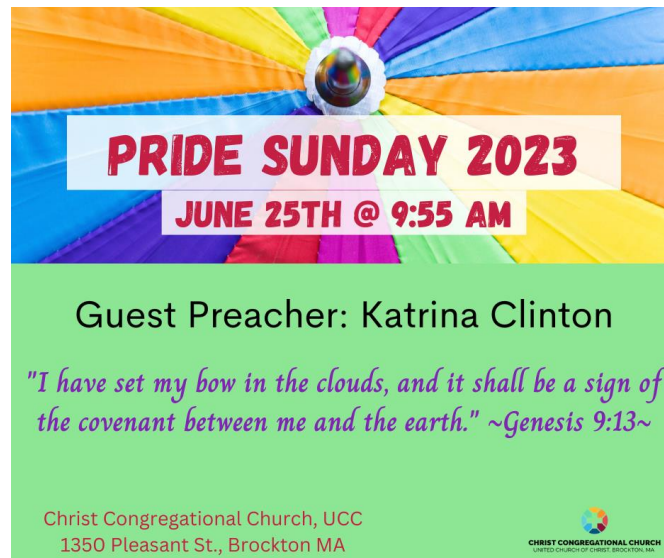
'Prelude in Classic Style'

Gordon Young

Duncan Vinson

**Participating in Today's Worship Service:**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor  
Duncan Vinson, Guest Organist/Pianist  
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter  
Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

A poster for Pride Sunday 2023. The top half features a rainbow background with a central circular graphic containing a globe. Below this, a white banner with red text reads "PRIDE SUNDAY 2023" and "JUNE 25TH @ 9:55 AM". The bottom half is green and contains the text "Guest Preacher: Katrina Clinton" and a quote: "I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." ~Genesis 9:13~. At the bottom left, it says "Christ Congregational Church, UCC" and "1350 Pleasant St., Brockton MA". At the bottom right is the church's logo and name: "CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BROCKTON, MA".

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**MUSICA DIVINA ~ BY ANTON FAYNBERG**

**Come Join Anton on Wednesday, June 28th & 12:00PM**

A couple times a month Anton Faynberg will fill our sanctuary with sacred sound and music to help bring God's word to life. Deriving the name from the practice *Lectio Divina* (or divine reading) - where practitioners read, or listen to, scripture in different voices and different tempos - Anton has created an experience that is an hour of continuous sound and music accompanied by scripture readings, meant to bring God's word to life.

# Jesus Loves Me!

1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
 2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,  
 3. Je - sus loves me still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.  
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."  
 want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

WORDS: St. 1, Anna B. Warner, 1860; st. 2, 3, David R. McGuire, c. 1970  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1862

JESUS LOVES ME  
 77.77 w. refrain

1. Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, bro - ther,  
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low  
 3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you  
 4. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall  
 5. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant, sis - ter,

1. let me walk with you; pray that I may  
 2. trav - 'lers on the road. We are here to  
 3. laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your  
 4. find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've  
 5. let me walk with you; pray that I may

1. have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 2. help each oth - er, walk the mile and bear the load.  
 3. joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney thro'.  
 4. known to - geth - er of great love and ag - o - ny.  
 5. have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.

WORDS: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.  
 MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. A. Eugene Ellsworth, 1994

THE SERVANT SONG  
 87.87

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# Halle-Halle-Halleluja

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Musical notation for the first line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, D, G, C, Am, and D.

Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja.

Musical notation for the second line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, B7, Em, Am, D7, G, C, G, and D.

Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le-lu-ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.

MUSIC: Caribbean

## I Am the Light of the World!

Unison F B $\flat$  C F

"I am the light of the world!

You peo-ple come and fol-low me!" If you

fol-low and love you'll learn the mys-ter-y of

what you were meant to do and be.

Gm Dm C F B $\flat$

Gm C F *Fine*

WORDS: Jim Strathdee, 1969, in response to a Christmas poem  
by Howard Thurman  
MUSIC: Jim Strathdee, 1969

LIGHT OF THE WORLD  
Irr.

♩=92-100

F B $\flat$  C F

1. When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the  
 2. To find the lost and lone-ly one, to  
 3. To free the pris-'ner from all chains, to  
 4. To bring hope to ev-'ry task you do, to

Gm Dm C

star in the sky is gone, when the  
 heal the bro-ken soul with love, to  
 make the pow-er-ful care, to  
 dance at a ba-by's new birth, to

F B $\flat$  C F

ma-gi and the shep-herds have found their way home, the  
 feed the hun-gry chil-dren with warmth and good food, to  
 re-build the na-tions with strength of good-will, to  
 make mu-sic in an old per-son's heart, and

Gm B $\flat$  C

work of Christ-mas is be-gun:  
 feel the earth be-low, the sky a-bove!  
 see God's chil-dren ev-'ry-where!  
 sing to the col-ors of the earth!