



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



July 16, 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**

Moriah Park



**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'How Firm a Foundation'

No. 618

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: The Word is a lamp and a light. The word illuminates our life.

**People: We welcome The Word with praise and thanksgiving.**

Leader: The Word comes from the mouth of God and accomplishes its purpose.

**People: We hear The Word that loves and embraces, challenges and convicts, renews and restores.**

Leader: The Word is life, offers a future with hope, and creates peace in the midst of the storm.

**People: We receive The Word among us with rejoicing. We worship The Word in spirit and in truth!**



**OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**



**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE<sup>1</sup>**

**ALL: God our Redeemer, the words of our mouths often lead to hurt and harm. We tear down when we could build up. We speak of death and destruction when the power of life resides in our tongues. We say what is unnecessary and unhelpful while hesitating to offer encouragement and hope. Transform our speech as you write your word into our hearts. Stir us to speak life, joy, and love in all things. Amen.**

# WORDS OF GRACE<sup>1</sup>

## A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco



## HYMN OF PREPARATION

'In The Garden'

No. 227

## SCRIPTURE

### Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That day Jesus went out of the house and sat down beside the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he climbed into a boat and sat down. The whole crowd was standing on the shore.

<sup>3</sup> He said many things to them in parables: "A farmer went out to scatter seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path, and birds came and ate it. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, it scorched the plants, and they dried up because they had no roots. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seed fell on good soil and bore fruit, in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one. <sup>9</sup> Everyone who has ears should pay attention."

<sup>18</sup> "Consider then the parable of the farmer. <sup>19</sup> Whenever people hear the word about the kingdom and don't understand it, the evil one comes and carries off what was planted in their hearts. This is the seed that was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for the seed that was spread on rocky ground, this refers to people who hear the word and immediately receive it joyfully. <sup>21</sup> Because they have no roots, they last for only a little while. When they experience distress or abuse because of the word, they immediately fall away. <sup>22</sup> As for the seed that was spread among thorny plants, this refers to those who hear the word, but the worries of this life and the false appeal of wealth choke the word, and it bears no fruit. <sup>23</sup> As for what was planted on good soil, this refers to those who hear and understand, and bear fruit and produce—in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one."



## 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**

'Be Still My Soul'

No.566

## CALL FOR OFFERINGS<sup>1</sup>



**OFFERTORY**

Moonlight Sonata'

Anton Faynberg

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' (vs. 5)

No. 25



**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>1</sup> *(Based on Genesis 24)***



**\*HYMN**

'When Morning Gilds the Skies'

No. 100

## 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

Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. "After Pentecost 7a - July 16." *United Church of Christ*, 8 June 2023,  
[www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-7a-july-16/](http://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-7a-july-16/).

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**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.**



## **MUSICA DIVINA ~ BY ANTON FAYNBERG**

**Come Join Anton on**  
**Friday, July 21st @ 6:00pm**  
**Wednesday, July 26th @ 12:00pm**

Every week this 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.

## How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,  
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

1. is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent word!  
 2. for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.  
 3. the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4. my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.  
 5. I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1. What more can be said than to you God has said,  
 2. I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3. for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4. The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5. that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

1. to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2. up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 3. and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4. thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5. I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

WORDS: John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody

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## In the Garden

1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the dew is  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the  
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the night a-

still on the ros-es; and the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear,  
 birds hush their sing-ing, and the mel-o-dy that he gave to me  
 round me be fall-ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe

*Refrain*

the Son of God dis-clos-es.  
 with-in my heart is ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he  
 his voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the

WORDS and MUSIC: C. Austin Miles, 1913

GARDEN  
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joy we share, as we tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

## Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;  
 2. Be still, my soul: for God will un - der - take  
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall dwell with God for - ev - er more,

Trust in your God, your sav - ior and your guide,  
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855, alt.  
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933

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Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorn - y ways leads to a peace - ful end.  
 the voice that calmed them in this world be - low.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

25 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Descant*

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo - ples and

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour - ish thy life and re -  
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo - ples and

rac - es, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold

1. a - tion. O my soul, wor - ship the well - spring of health and sal -  
 2. reign - eth, who, as on wings of an ea - gle up - lift - ed, sus -  
 3. fend thee. Sure - ly God's good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -  
 4. store thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -  
 5. rac - es, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.; LOBE DEN HERREN  
 st. 4 tr. Rupert E. Davies, 1983 14.14.478  
 MUSIC: *Erneuereten Gesangbuch*, 1665; desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

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grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a -

1. va - tion. All ye who hear, now to God's tem - ple draw  
 2. tain - eth. Hast thou not seen? All that is need - ful hath  
 3. tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can  
 4. fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth  
 5. grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a -

gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

1. near. Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 2. been grant - ed in what God or - dain - eth.  
 3. do, who with great love doth be - friend thee.  
 4. speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.  
 5. gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

1. When morn ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,  
 2. Dis - cord - ant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,  
 3. Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face;  
 4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine;

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

to Je - sus I re - pair; may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 both now and ev - er - more: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

WORDS: German hymn (early 19th century); tr. Edward Caswall, 1858, alt.  
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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