



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



SUNDAY

October 1, 2023

10:00 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

## \*OPENING SONG

'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**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Around the world, people gather,

**People: God, we are hungry. Feed us.**

Leader: Around the world, people break bread and pour the cup,

**People: God, we are hungry. Feed us.**

Leader: Around the world, people share,

**People: God, we are hungry. Feed us.**

Leader: Around the world, the Spirit connects us,

**People: God, we are hungry. Feed us.**

## OPENING PRAYER

## PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

## WORDS OF GRACE

### SONG OF PREPARATION

'Sanctuary'

### REFLECTION

### PRAYER STATIONS

- "Stone Soup": Please write a prayer on a sticky note and then add it to the "stone soup" pot for someone who is living in hunger.
- "Making Bread": Around the world, people cannot go to the store to buy bread. Instead they plant, grow, and harvest grain to make their bread. Knead the dough until the food coloring as blended in, imagine what it is like to do this every day.
- Stamped Paper Bags for Food Pantry: Please decorate the brown paper bags for our food pantry so that when people use ours they can take food in these bag with hopes to brighten their day.
- Cheerio Bird Feeders: Even our animal friends experience hunger, like birds during the winter. Please thread cheerios onto pipe cleaners to make bird feeders.

### MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Alex Green

*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.**

### SONG

'Jesu, Jesu' (refrain, twice)

No. 600

## CALL FOR OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

Alex Green

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'Hale, Hallelujah' (twice)

No. 41

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*(children are invited to come forward to sit on the floor in front of the communion table)*

Addams' Family Grace (tune to the Addams' Family Theme)

**We know that God is good/ so don't ya think we should/ thank God for our food/ we thank you God/ Amen.**

### REMEMBERING THE STORY

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING THE CUP

### SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*\*For communion today people are invited to come down the center aisle when signaled by one of our Deacons. Come to the front of the church to receive your elements, and then once you've consumed your bread and cup please proceed to your seat using one of the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward please let a member of our Deacons' board know so that we can bring communion to you in your seat.\**

### COMMUNION MUSIC

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(sign language with Mr. David)*

"Thank You God"

"You Are Good"

"We Are Loved"

"Amen"

### \*CLOSING SONG

'God's Got the Whole World in God's Hand's

God's got the whole world in God's hands x3

God's go the whole world in God's hands

God's got the wind and the rain in God's hands x3

God's got the whole world in God's hands.

God's got you and me sibling in God's hands x3

God's got the whole world in God's hands

God's got the whole world in God's hands x3

God's go the whole world in God's hands

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

'Amen!'

No. 317

**POSTLUDE**

Alex Green

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

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Alex Green, Organist/Accompanist

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director