



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



October 15, 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

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service'

No. 461

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God tells us to be fruitful, and to multiply; to sow and to reap in God's name.

People: We are God's partners in nurturing the abundance of creation.

One: God tells us not to reap to the very edges of the fields, or to gather what falls to the ground as we collect our harvest.

People: We are God's partners in feeding the hungry, just as God is feeding us.

One: It is written in the law of God's covenant with the Israelites - not all that we sow is ours to reap, not all of our abundance is for us to take or keep.

People: We are God's children, seeking to live in good covenant with God and God's people.

OPENING PRAYER¹

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE²

One: Creator God, You loved the world into life.

ALL: Forgive us when our dreams of the future are shaped by anything other than glimpses of a kin-dom of justice and peace, a kin-dom that ends poverty and hunger.

One: Incarnate God, you taught us to speak out for what is right.

ALL: Mays us content with nothing less than a world that is transformed into the shape of love, where poverty shall be no more.

One: Breath of God, let there be abundant life.

ALL: Inspire us with the vision of a just and equitable world, where poverty no longer exists, and give us faith, courage, and will to make it happen. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19:9-10

⁹When you harvest your land's produce, you must not harvest all the way to the edge of your field; and don't gather up every remaining bit of your harvest. ¹⁰Also do not pick your vineyard clean or gather up all the grapes that have fallen there. Leave these items for the poor and the immigrant; I am the Lord your God.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Kardisco

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.

HYMN

'I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me'

No. 614



ORDINATION OF DEACONS

Today we welcome to the ministry of the diaconate, through the service of ordination, Henok Kaptimer. All who are ordained are welcome to come forward first for the laying on of hands, followed by the rest of the congregation, when invited by Pastor Jeff

HYMN	'Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant'	No. 490
CALL FOR OFFERINGS³		
OFFERTORY	'Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?'	Traditional/Emerson
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE	'Now Thank We All Our God' (verse 3)	No. 715
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION³		
*HYMN	'Ours the Journey'	No. 458
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	'Revive Us Again'	Husband/Hayes

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Alex Green, Music Director

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

¹Graystone, Peter. "Praying for a World without Poverty." *Praying for a World Without Poverty*, re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/02/praying-for-world-without-poverty.html. Accessed 11 Oct. 2023.

²Author, Unknown. "Prayer for an End to Poverty." *Prayer for an End to Poverty*, re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/02/prayer-for-end-to-poverty.html. Accessed 11 Oct. 2023.

³Dilley, Rev. Elizabeth. "Offering Prayer: Leviticus 19: 9-10." *Offering Prayer: Leviticus 19: 9-10*, re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/02/offering-prayer-leviticus-19-9-10.html. Accessed 11 Oct. 2023.

461 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of
 2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re -
 4. Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear

hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
 veal - ing light in its height and depth and great - ness
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a - ged,

of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed: we, your ser - vants, bring the
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com -
 dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and
 love in liv - ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly, 1961, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White, 1844; harm. Ronald A. Nelson, 1978

BEACH SPRING
 87.87D

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to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know, and live.

453 Called as Partners in Christ's Service



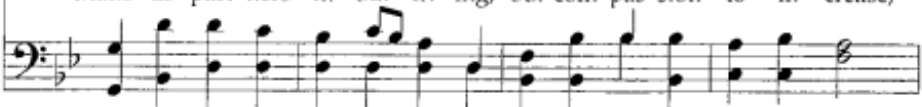
1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is - tries of grace,
 2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in- spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4. So God grant us for to -mor- row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re- spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con- quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

BEECHER
 87.87D

614 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

With a backbeat G C G Am7 G

1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me
(I'm gon-na live so) (God can

G7 C G7 C Am G C

use me,) an - y time and an - y - where
(yes an - y time) (yes an - y -

G G C G B7

where) I'm gon-na live so God can use me
(I'm gon-na live so)

Em C G A7 D7 G C G

an - y time and an - y - where.
(an - y time,) (yes an - y - where).

2. I'm gonna work...

3. I'm gonna pray...

4. I'm gonna sing...

WORDS: African-American spiritual
MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Bill Thomas, 1994

I'M GONNA LIVE
Irr.

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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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1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,

who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,

with countless 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 ever more.

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

NUN DANKE
 67.67.66.6

Unison

1. In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ples, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,
 3. Though we reach the high-est heav-ens, hold-ing worlds at our com-mand,
 4. Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-der-ing their sep-'rate ways?
 who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 we are yet a des-ert peo-ple search-ing for the prom-ised land.
 may your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.

Refrain

God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar,

we your peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er-more.

WORDS and MUSIC: Julian B. Rush, 1979

OURS THE JOURNEY
 87.87 w. refrain

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