



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



October 22, 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**

'God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending'

No. 606

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

One: 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.**

One: 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.**

One: 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**

**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE<sup>2</sup>**

**ALL: Forgive God, we have believed Jesus' words to mean that we will always be able to find treasure - if we simply follow our hearts. But this take avoids our responsibility as your disciples. Jesus said that where our *TREASURE* is, our *HEART* will *ALSO* be - which challenges us to look at where we've invested our treasure. Forgive us for the times we have invested our hearts in the things that are not of your kin-dom. Lead us to not only look at where we have invested our hearts, but lead us also to change where we have invested them - so that we would better represent your kin-dom and its values. Amen.**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 6:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> "Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. <sup>20</sup> Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them. <sup>21</sup> Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**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**

'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' (vs. 1-4)

No. 25

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Audrey Jones

**CALL FOR OFFERINGS<sup>2</sup>**

**OFFERTORY**

'A Canon of Praise'

Natalie Sleeth

<b>*OFFERTORY RESPONSE</b>	'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' (vs. 5)	No. 25
<b>*PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		
<b>*HYMN</b>	'For the Fruit of All Creation'	No. 714
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Gigue, from Partita, no. 1	J. S. Bach

**Participating in Todays Worship Service:**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor  
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter  
Alex Green, Music Director  
Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

<sup>1</sup>Hawker, 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 18 Oct. 2023.

<sup>2</sup>Chin, Rev. Quentin. "Prayer for the Offering." *Prayer for the Offering*, re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/06/prayer-for-offering.html. Accessed 18 Oct. 2023.

# 606 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,  
 2. Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
 3. Trea-sure too you have en-trust-ed, gain thru powers your grace con-ferred;

na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door:  
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel Word.

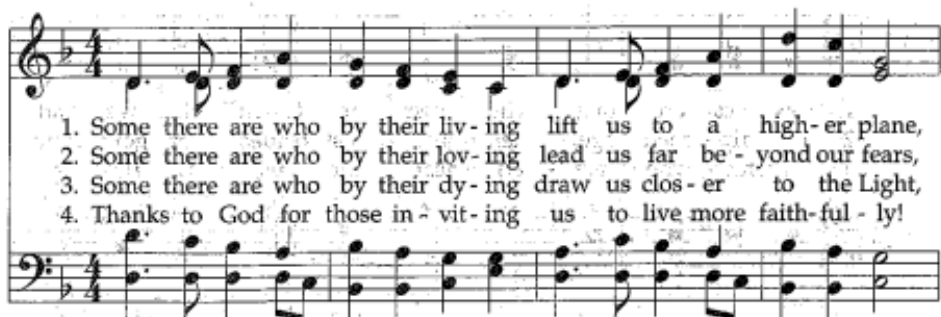
gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;  
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
 O-pen wide our hands, in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,

thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

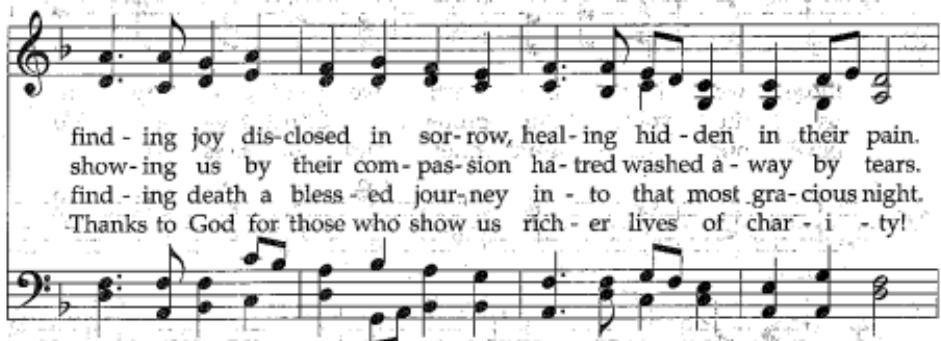
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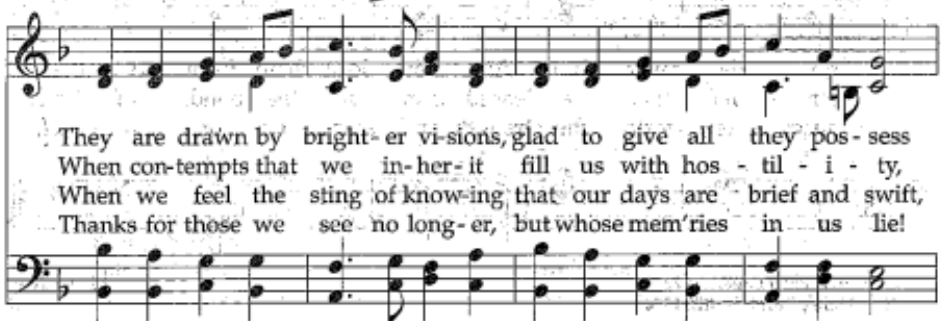
# 648 Some There Are Who by Their Living



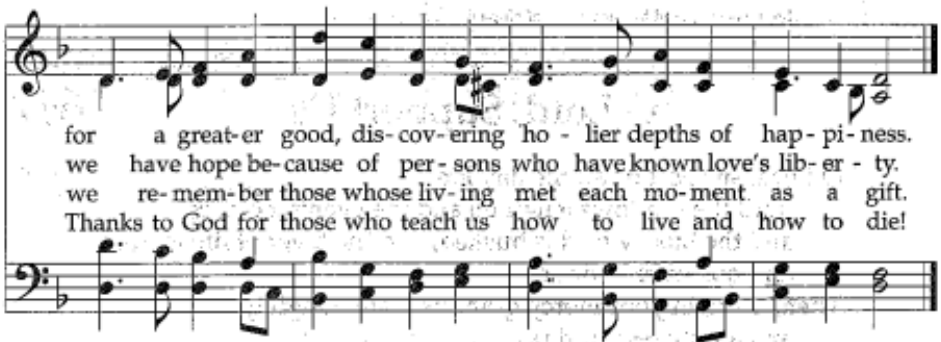
1. Some there are who by their liv-ing lift us to a high-er plane,  
 2. Some there are who by their lov-ing lead us far be-yond our fears,  
 3. Some there are who by their dy-ing draw us clos-er to the Light,  
 4. Thanks to God for those in-vit-ing us to live more faith-ful-ly!



find-ing joy dis-closed in sor-row, heal-ing hid-den in their pain.  
 show-ing us by their com-pas-sion ha-tred washed a-way by tears.  
 find-ing death a bless-ed jour-ney in-to that most gra-cious night.  
 Thanks to God for those who show us rich-er lives of char-i-ty!



They are drawn by bright-er vi-sions, glad to give all they pos-sess  
 When con-tempts that we in-her-it fill us with hos-til-i-ty,  
 When we feel the sting of know-ing, that our days are brief and swift,  
 Thanks for those we see no long-er, but whose mem'ries in us lie!



for a great-er good, dis-cov-ering ho-lier depths of hap-pi-ness.  
 we have hope be-cause of per-sons who have known love's lib-er-ty.  
 we re-mem-ber those whose liv-ing met each mo-ment as a gift.  
 Thanks to God for those who teach us how to live and how to die!

WORDS: David L. Edwards, 1992

MUSIC: David L. Edwards, 1992; harm. Jean E. Wood-Kobert, 1992

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*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.;  
 st. 4 tr. Rupert E. Davies, 1983  
 MUSIC: *Erneueren 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. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;  
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;  
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God;

for good gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God; for the  
 in the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done; in our  
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God; for the

plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1970  
 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Luther Orlando Emerson, 1906

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