



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



October 29, 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**

'Christians, We Have Met to Worship'

No. 277

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to worship to praise the One who has blessed us abundantly, beyond our wildest dreams.

**People: Let us remember all that God has done for us.**

Leader: We come to worship with hearts open to hear what God might have us do with such abundance.

**People: Let us remember all that God has done for us.**

Leader: God reminds us that God has been the source of all our abundance, since the beginning of creation; reminding us of where we've come from.

**People: Let us remember all that God has done for us.**

Leader: God reminds us that, individually, our own strengths, abilities, and resources can only take us so far; but in covenant with God and with God's beloved community the possibilities are always endless.

**People: Let us remember all that God has done for us. Let us worship God in thanksgiving for the abundance that God has provided.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

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

**ALL: Forgiving God, we know that we alone have not blessed ourselves - but that *you* have blessed us. We know that any abundance we experience is not only from our individual efforts - but that your Grace and Goodness are the source of all good things. We acknowledge that we have tricked ourselves into believing that we are "self-made", which leads us to believe that we could always make it on our own... but you have always meant for us to live in proximity to you and your kin-dom, and to one another. Remind us that we are blessed not only through our effort, but also through the community you call us into and through the miraculous ways you move in our lives. Forgive us when we pretend that we've accomplished everything on our own, and help us to see how we can better live in covenant with you and with one another. Amen.**

## WORDS OF GRACE

### A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

'Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven'

No. 23

## SCRIPTURE

### Deuteronomy 8:11-18

<sup>11</sup> But watch yourself! Don't forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commands or his case laws or his regulations that I am commanding you right now. <sup>12</sup> When you eat, get full, build nice houses, and settle down, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and your flocks are growing large, your silver and gold are multiplying, and everything you have is thriving, <sup>14</sup> don't become arrogant, forgetting the Lord your God:

the one who rescued you from Egypt, from the house of slavery;

<sup>15</sup> the one who led you through this vast and terrifying desert of poisonous snakes and scorpions, of cracked ground with no water;

the one who made water flow for you out of a hard rock;

<sup>16</sup> the one who fed you manna in the wilderness, which your ancestors had never experienced, in order to humble and test you, but in order to do good to you in the end.

<sup>17</sup> Don't think to yourself, My own strength and abilities have produced all this prosperity for me. <sup>18</sup> Remember the Lord your God! He's the one who gives you the strength to be prosperous in order to establish the covenant he made with your ancestors—and that's how things stand right now.

## 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.**

<b>HYMN</b>	'Nearer My God, to Thee'	No. 577
<b>STEWARDSHIP MOMENT</b>		Jilliann Larson
<b>CALL FOR OFFERINGS<sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	'Amazing Grace'	Traditional/Lojeski
<b>*OFFERTORY RESPONSE</b>	'Jesu, Jesu' vs. 5	No. 600
<b>*PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		
<b>*HYMN</b>	'Rise Up, O Saints of God!'	No. 611
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Toccata and Fugue in D Minor	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>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.

# 277 Christians, We Have Met to Worship

1. Chris-tians, we have met to wor-ship and a-dore the liv-ing God;  
 2. Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?  
 3. Let us love our God su-preme-ly, let us love each oth-er, too;

will you pray with all your pow-er, while we try to preach the Word?  
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar-y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?  
 let us pray for all earth's peo-ple till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un-less the Spir-it of the Ho-ly One comes down;  
 Tell them all a-bout the Sav-ior, how in Christ the lost are found.  
 Christ will call us home to heav-en, at the ta-ble we'll sit down;

Chris-tians, pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.  
 Pray, oh pray, and ho-ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.  
 Christ will wel-come us and serve us liv-ing man-na all a-round.

WORDS: Attr. George Atkins (19th century); alt.  
 MUSIC: William Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

HOLY MANNA  
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# 23 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en, glad of heart your  
 2. Praise to God for grace and fav - or shown to all who  
 3. Moth - er - like, God tends and spares us, know - ing well our  
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish: blows the wind, and  
 5. An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion you who see God

1. car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 2. are op - pressed. God shows stead - fast love for - ev - er,  
 3. frag - ile frame. Fath - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,  
 4. it is gone. But, while mor - tals rise and per - ish,  
 5. face to face; sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

1. who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. ten - der - heart - ed, slow to blame. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. God's com - pass - ion still lives on. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5. dwell - ers all in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all our days.  
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me praise God's name!  
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal One!  
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women's  
 Center and Ruth Duck, 1974  
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

LAUDA ANIMA  
 87.87.87

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## Nearer, My God, to Thee

1. Near - er, my God, to thee, near - er to thee!  
 2. When like the wan - der - er, the sun gone down,  
 3. There let the way ap - pear, steps un - to heaven;  
 4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts bright with thy praise,  
 5. Or if, on joy - ful wing cleav - ing the sky,

1. E'en though it be a cross that rais - eth me,  
 2. dark - ness be - o - ver me, my rest a stone;  
 3. all that thou send - est me, in mē - cy given;  
 4. out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;  
 5. sun, moon, and stars for - got, up - ward I fly,

1. still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to thee;  
 2. then in my dreams I'd be near - er, my God, to thee;  
 3. an - gels to beck - on me near - er, my God, to thee;  
 4. so - by my woes to be near - er, my God, to thee;  
 5. still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to thee;

near - er, my God, to thee, near - er to thee!

WORDS: Sarah F. Adams, 1841  
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1856

BETHANY  
 64.64.6664

# Jesu, Jesu

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*Refrain (Unison)*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

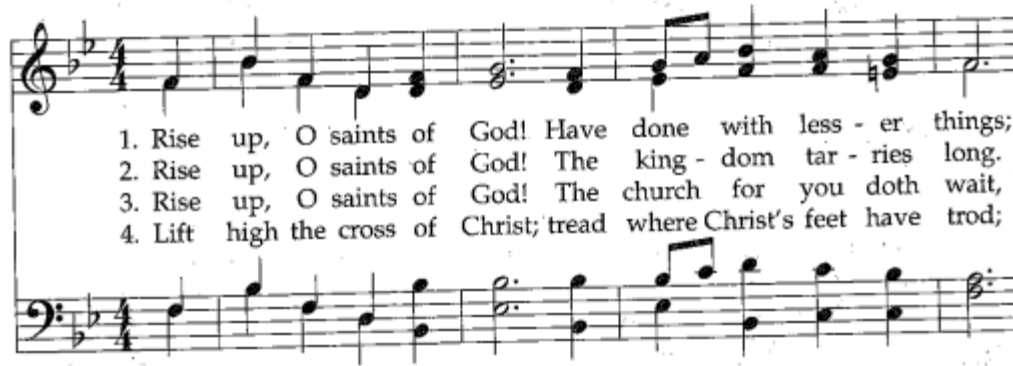
1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 2. race, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.  
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you.

WORDS: Tom Colvin, 1969  
 MUSIC: Ghana folk song; arr. Tom Colvin, 1969; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

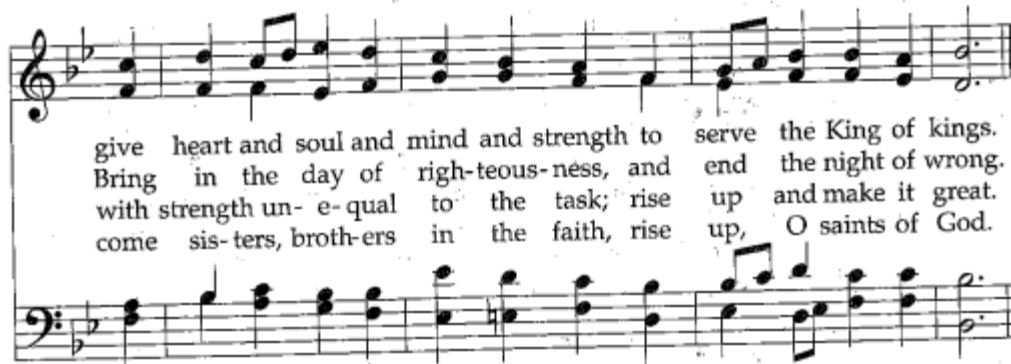
CHEREPONI  
 fr. w. refrain

# Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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1. Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with less - er. things;  
2. Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom tar - ries long.  
3. Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,  
4. Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where Christ's feet have trod;



give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
Bring in the day of righ-teous-ness, and end the night of wrong.  
with strength un-e-qual to the task; rise up and make it great.  
come sis-ters, broth-ers in the faith, rise up, O saints of God.

WORDS: William P. Merrill, 1911, alt.  
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

FESTAL SONG  
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