



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



November 26, 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus calls us to open our hearts to all in need.

People: We come this day to hear his words of encouragement for us.

Leader: Look around you. Smile at each other, for we all have need of friendship and welcome.

People: With God's great love in our hearts, we find our welcome in this place of worship.

Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'When Morning Gilds the Skies'

No. 100

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

ALL: God of love, you created us to love you and one another. We confess that we have sometimes limited that love to words, and failed to make that love real by our actions. We have failed to recognize Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the naked, the incarcerated and the sick. Too often, we have turned away from your presence, failing to share what we have with our siblings in need. Forgive us. Turn our hearts, and guide us to follow in your ways anew.

WORDS OF GRACE

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Alex Green

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

'Fairest Lord Jesus'

No. 97

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:15-20

Hymn about Christ's work

- 15** The Son is the image of the invisible God,
the one who is first over all creation,
- 16** Because all things were created by him:
both in the heavens and on the earth,
the things that are visible and the things that are invisible.
Whether they are thrones or powers,
or rulers or authorities,
all things were created through him and for him.
- 17** He existed before all things,
and all things are held together in him.
- 18** He is the head of the body, the church,
who is the beginning,
the one who is firstborn from among the dead
so that he might occupy the first place in everything.
- 19** Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him,
- 20** and he reconciled all things to himself through him—
whether things on earth or in the heavens.
He brought peace through his sacrifice on the cross.

SERMON

Pastor

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

Leader: O God of promises, you remind us again and again that you are present with your people.
When our hearts are broken,

All: You are here.

Leader: When we wait in worry to hear about a diagnosis,

All: You are here.

Leader: When we lose the ones we love,

All: You are here.

Leader: Where anyone is hungry or thirsty,

All: You are here.

Leader: When we feel like strangers,

All: You are here.

Leader: Where anyone is sick or in need of care and company,

All: You are here.

Leader: When people are in prison,

All: You are here.

Leader: When anyone needs clothing,

All: You are here.

Leader: Loving God, You are here with us when we suffer. Empower us to be with others as they suffer, our neighbors both near and far. You are here, God, in the midst of suffering—and we want to be where you are.

All: Amen.

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.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

‘Everlasting God’

BIBLE/FETTKE

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

‘I Thank You, Jesus’ (vs. 1)

No. 116

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(in unison)*

ALL: God of abundance, we give these offerings of material goods as our commitment to give back to you and to care for your people. Let our giving remind us to see Jesus all around us. Use our offerings of money and of our lives for ministry to your purposes. Amen.

***HYMN**

‘Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun’

No. 95

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

‘Rise Up Before His Throne’

Walter/McConnell

Participatinays Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

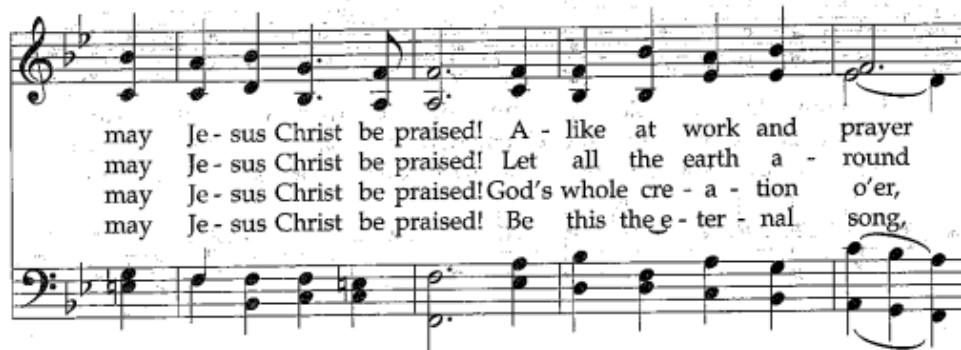
Alex Green, Music Director

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter



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

LAUDES DOMINI
 666.666

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,

O thou of God to earth come down; thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry hosts: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

WORDS: *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; tr. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850, alt.
 MUSIC: *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

ST. ELIZABETH
 568.558

I Thank You, Jesus

1. I thank you, Je- sus, thank you, Je- sus,
 2. You've been my fa-ther, been my moth-er,

(Thank you, Je- sus,) (thank you, Je- sus,)
 (Been my fa-ther,) (been my moth-er,)

thank you, Je- sus, my Sav- ior God, for you brought me, yes, you
 been my sis-ter, my bro-ther, too, for you brought me, yes, you

brought me from a might- y, a might- y long way, (a might- y long
 brought me from a might- y, a might- y long way, (a might- y long

I thank you, Je- sus, thank you, Je- sus,
 You've been my fa-ther, been my moth-er,

way.) (Thank you, Je- sus,) (thank you, Je- sus,)
 way.) (Been my fa-ther,) (been my moth-er,)

WORDS: Kenneth Morris, 1948
 MUSIC: Kenneth Morris, 1948; adapt. and arr. Joyce F. Johnson, 1992, alt.

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95 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Descant

5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise with song;

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
 2. To Christ shall end - less prayer be made,
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise with song;

hon - or and praise to Christ be - long

1. does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
 2. and end - less prais - es crown his head;
 3. dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
 4. all pris - oners leap to lose their chains,
 5. hon - or and praise to Christ be - long;

an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and

1. his love shall spread from shore to shore
 2. his name like sweet per - fume shall rise
 3. and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
 4. the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
 5. an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793; desc. Erik Routley, alt.

DUKE STREET
 LM

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earth re - peat the loud a - men!

1. till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2. with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3. their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 4. and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5. and earth re - peat the loud a - men!