



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



February 4, 2024

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**

'When Morning Gilds the Skies'

No. 100

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

All: Placing both hands on top of the head

Leader: God be in our head and in our understanding.

All: Placing both hands over the eyes

Leader: God be in our eyes and in our seeing.

All: Placing both hands over the ears

Leader: God be in our ears and in our hearing.

All: Placing both hands over the mouth

Leader: God be in our mouth and in our speaking.

All: Placing both hands over the heart

Leader: God be in our heart and in our feeling.

All: Placing both hands on top of the thighs

Leader: God be in our legs and in our moving.

All: Placing open hands one on top of the other in front of the body

Leader: God be in our hands and in our doing.

All: Placing both arms at the side of the body, hands open and turning outward, offering our life to God

Leader: God be in our life and in our journeying.

All: Let us worship, God. Amen

***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

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Leader: God wash our hands when we forget to extend them to our neighbors.

ALL: God forgive us. (wash hands)

Leader: God wash our hands when they are dirty from...

ALL: God forgive us. (wash hands)

Leader: God wash our hands so that we can...

ALL: God forgive us. (wash hands)

ALL: Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

Lord, Prepare Me
Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982
 MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

SANCTUARY
 CCLI # 1543869

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. ³¹ He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them.

³² That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered near the door. ³⁴ He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him.

³⁵ Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. ³⁶ Simon and those with him tracked him down. ³⁷ When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you!"

³⁸ He replied, "Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come." ³⁹ He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

REFLECTION

Pastor Jeff & Dani

PRAYER STATIONS

Pastor Jeff & Dani

Dig Deeper: Join Pastor Jeff in the pews toward the back of the Sanctuary for further study of the scripture and conversation regarding self-care.

Prayer Beads: Spend time creating take home prayer beads. While you work, think of how you could use these beads in your spiritual care life.

Centering Bins: Sink your hands into cool sand, watch it filter through a funnel, and create paths with your fingers. While you explore, acknowledge each feeling and emotion that comes with engaging with the materials, breathe in the Spirit and out any worries or anxieties.

Thoughtful Coloring: Spend time thinking over a scripture as you color. As you color, pray about how you can incorporate this scripture into your week.

If you would like to participate in one of the stations, but have trouble getting to the tables, please raise your hand and a Deacon will help you get the supplies you need to participate.

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/PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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 'Seek Ye First with Pachelbel's Canon' Lafferty/Hollander

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 'Halle, Hallelujah' (twice) No. 41

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***At Christ Congregational Church we serve communion at an open table, which means ALL are welcome to participate. This means a few things:**

1. None of the cups for communion contain wine.
2. People of all ages are welcome to receive communion.
3. People of all faiths are welcome to receive communion.
4. People of all gender identities and sexual orientations are welcome to receive communion.
5. People who are not able to come forward to receive communion are still welcome to receive it, please let a deacon know if you need the pastor or another server to bring the elements to you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Superman Prayer

Thank you God for giving us food.
Thank you God for giving us food.
For the friends that we meet
And the food that we eat.
Thank you God for giving us food.

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING OF 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

'Ave verum corpus'

Mozart

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 Hands'

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

Alex Green, Music Director

Susannah Thornton, Soloist

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

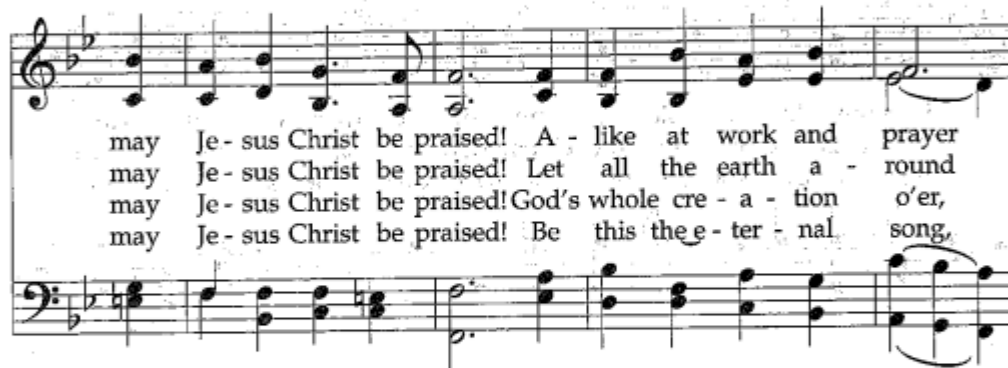
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

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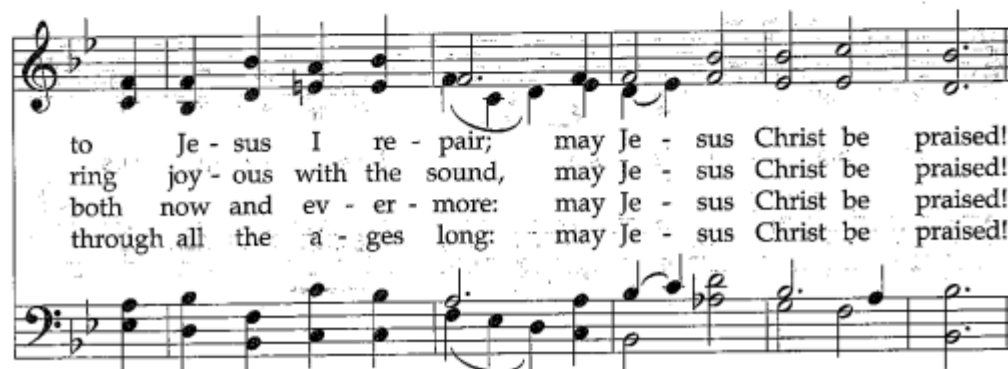
When Morning Gilds the Skies



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!

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
 Ifr. w. refrain

Halle-Halle-Halleluja

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Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le-lu-ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.

MUSIC: Caribbean

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A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

MUSIC: African-American

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