



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



January 28, 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**

'Amazing Grace'

No.546

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

People: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

Leader: God embraces the wounded and broken.

People: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

Leader: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

People: God is the light of our lives.

Leader: God is the one who makes all things new.

People: Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

OPENING PRAYER¹

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE²**

ALL: Gracious and Merciful God, maker of covenant, faithful and just, we examine our lives in light of your righteousness which endures forever. You give us commandments, raise up prophets among us from among our own people. You speak to us, and ask us to become accountable. Yet often we ignore your ways and disdain your works. We close ourselves to your prophets and to the suffering in our world. Forgive us and renew us, that we may walk in faithfulness to you today, tomorrow, and all days. Amen.

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS²**

Leader: God's righteousness endures forever, and God is mindful of God's covenant with us. The promises of God's covenant of grace assure us that this day and all days we can walk in renewed faithfulness, as we witness goods works, and follow God's call.

All: thanks be to God, whose righteousness endures forever!

***MUSICAL RESPONSE**

'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' (vs. 5)

No. 25

HYMN OF PREPARATION

'There's a Wideness in God's Mercy'

No. 73

SCRIPTURE**Mark 1:21-28**

²¹ Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. ²² The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. ²³ Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

²⁵ "Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" ²⁶ The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out.

²⁷ Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, "What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!" ²⁸ Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

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****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 OFFERINGS²**OFFERTORY**

'Kumbaya'

Traditional/Sjolund.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'My Shepherd, You Supply My Need' (vs. 1)

No. 80

PRAYER OF DEDICATION²

HYMN

'I Love to Tell the Story'

No. 480

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

'Revive Us Again'

Mackay/Husband

Participating In Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Alex Green, Music Director

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Perry, Peter K. "Call to Worship & Prayer: Epiphany 4B." *Call to Worship & Prayer: Epiphany 4B*, 29 Jan. 2012, re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/call-to-worship-prayer-epiphany-4b.html.

²Unknown. "Epiphany 4B - January 28." *United Church of Christ*, 16 Jan. 2024, www.ucc.org/worship-way/epiphany-4b-january-28-2/.

Amazing Grace!

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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 4 anonymous
 MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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25 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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 -
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WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.; LOBE DEN HERREN
 st. 4 tr. Rupert E. Davies, 1983 14.14.478
 MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1993

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grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a -

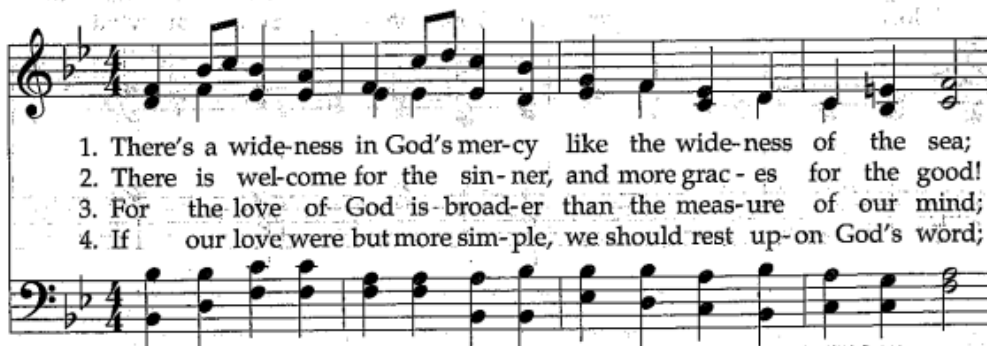
1. va tion. All ye who hear, now to God's tem - ple draw
 2. tain - eth. Hast thou not seen? All that is need - ful hath
 3. tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 4. fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth
 5. grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a -

gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

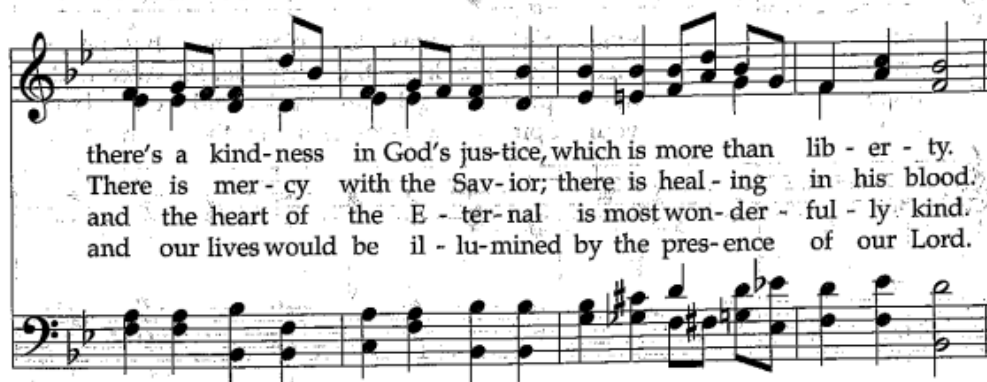
1. near. Join me in glad ad - o - ra tion.
 2. been grant - ed in what God or - dain - eth.
 3. do, who with great love doth be - friend thee.
 4. speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
 5. gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac-es for the good!
3. For the love of God is-broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
4. If our love were but more sim-ple, we should rest up-on God's word;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood,
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind,
and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1854
MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1877; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

WELLESLEY
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80 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

1. My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly
 2. When through the shades of death I walk, your pres - ence
 3. Your sure pro - vi - sions, gra - cious God; at - tend me

is your name; in pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be -
 is my stay; one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives
 all my days; O may your house be my a - bode, and

side the liv - ing stream. You bring my wand - 'ring spir - it
 all my fears a - way. Your hand, in sight of all my
 all my work be praise. Here would I find a set - tled

back, when I for - sake your ways; you lead me,
 foes, does still my ta - ble spread; my cup with
 rest, while oth - ers go and come; no more a

WORDS: Para. Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: *Southern Harmony*, 1835

RESIGNATION
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for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
 stran - ger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when, in

tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my
 tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal -
 scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old

long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 va - tion from God's own ho - ly word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill
 sto - ry that I have loved so long.

be my theme in glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

WORDS: Katherine Hankey, c. 1868
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

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