



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



June 2, 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**

'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

No. 5

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>** (*Psalm 139:1-5, 14 adapted*)

Leader: Holy One, you have searched and known us.

**ALL: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts.**

Leader: You search out our paths and our lying downs and are acquainted with all my ways.

**ALL: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One, you know it completely.**

Leader: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

**ALL: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that we know very well.**

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**

**\*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE<sup>1</sup>** (*in unison*)

Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*WORDS OF GRACE**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

'God of Grace and God of Glory' (vs 3&4)

No. 464

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

Pastor Jeff



## LITURGY OF BAPTISM

*Today we celebrate the eternal truth of God's love for us as we baptize Johnathan Saint-Louis. Jonathan's parents, Johnny Saint-Louis and Lesa Wilson Saint-Louis, will be joined by Johnathan's Godparents - Pierre Timeus and Debra Jean - as they promise to remind Johnathan of the covenant of community we all make during baptism.*

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

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

No. 73

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:23 – 3:6

#### ***Scripture and the Sabbath***

*<sup>23</sup> Jesus went through the wheat fields on the Sabbath. As the disciples made their way, they were picking the heads of wheat. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look! Why are they breaking the Sabbath law?"*

*<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "Haven't you ever read what David did when he was in need, when he and those with him were hungry? <sup>26</sup> During the time when Abiathar was high priest, David went into God's house and ate the bread of the presence, which only the priests were allowed to eat. He also gave bread to those who were with him." <sup>27</sup> Then he said, "The Sabbath was created for humans; humans weren't created for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> This is why the Human One<sup>[a]</sup> is Lord even over the Sabbath."*

#### ***Healing on the Sabbath***

*<sup>3</sup> Jesus returned to the synagogue. A man with a withered hand was there. <sup>2</sup> Wanting to bring charges against Jesus, they were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. <sup>3</sup> He said to the man with the withered hand, "Step up where people can see you." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to them, "Is it legal on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they said nothing. <sup>5</sup> Looking around at them with anger, deeply grieved at their unyielding hearts, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he did, and his hand was made healthy. <sup>6</sup> At that, the Pharisees got together with the supporters of Herod to plan how to destroy Jesus.*

### 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 OFFERINGS<sup>1</sup>

**OFFERTORY** 'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms' (Hoffman/Showalter/Hayes)

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'The Gift of Love' No. 526

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>1</sup>



## 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.*

## INVITATION

## SANCTUS

'Santo, Santo, Santo'

No. 111

## 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

'Here I Am to Worship'

(Hughes/Labenske)

*Bell Choir*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

**Dear God, we thank you for this meal. We thank you for bringing us together in this beloved community. As we have been nourished at your table, please help us to move into the world to be your disciples. Help us to feed others with your goodness, and with the grace we have experienced here at this table. Amen.**

## HYMN

'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'

No. 433

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

'Marching to Zion'

(Lowry/Hayes)

### **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

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;  
3. My lov-ing Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
4. Glo - ry to God and praise and love be ev - er, ev - er given

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.  
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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# God of Grace and God of Glory 464

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; fill our lives that  
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

1. pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 2. sail thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us,  
 3. thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 4. we may be strength - ened with all Christ - like gra - ces  
 5. we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

1. bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 2. free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 3. rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 4. pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 5. be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

1. for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 2. for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 3. lest we miss thy righ - teous goal, lest we miss thy righ - teous goal.  
 4. lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.  
 5. serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

# 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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1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,  
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal H. Hopson, 1972  
 MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1972

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Alt. tune: O WALY WALY



# Santo, Santo, Santo

(Holy, Holy, Holy)

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C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!  
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

WORDS: Latin America (20th century)  
MUSIC: Latin America (20th century); arr. 1990 Iona Community

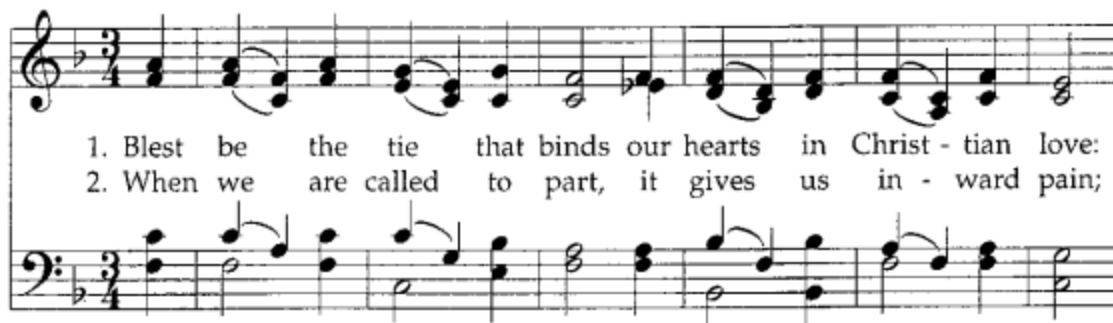
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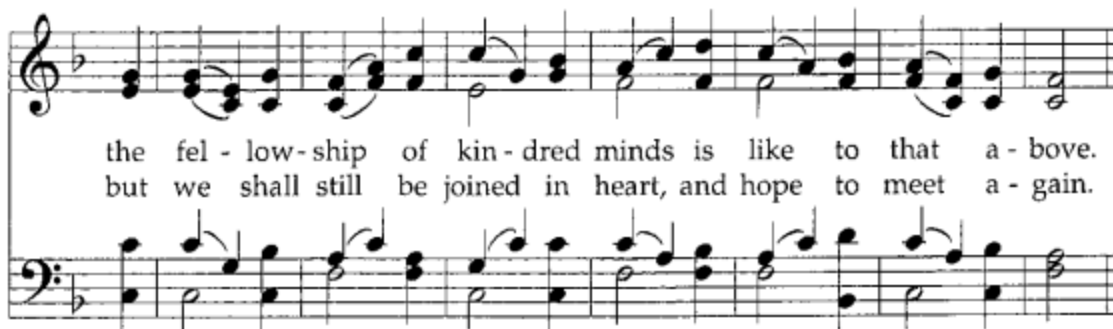
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## Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christ-tian love:  
2. When we are called to part, it gives us in-ward pain;



the fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds is like to that a-bove.  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a-gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1872  
MUSIC: Johann G. Nægeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

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