



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



May 12, 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**

'My Hope Is Built'

No. 537

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: Let us praise God for sending Jesus Christ to offer his saving love to us all.

**All: We give God all our praises.**

One: Let our hearts be filled with joyful celebration for the fulfillment of God's promises.

**All: We open our hearts to receive the joy of Christ.**

One: Let us move forward with Jesus Christ as our guiding light.

**All: The light of Jesus Christ is shining in each of us.**

One: Come, let us worship our Risen Christ, whose love and light guide us still.

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

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

**Life-giving God, we find joy in your newness of life through Jesus Christ. Help us to feel the joy of inhaling and exhaling the breath of life in every season. Transform us when we come together as your beloved and diverse creation. Guide us in our praise as we seek your saving love toward a world where there is peace and justice for all. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF GRACE<sup>1</sup>**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

'I've Got Peace Like a River'

No. 530

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

Dani Kardisco

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

'Be Thou My Vision' (vs. 1&2)

No. 595

## SCRIPTURE

### John 17:6-19

<sup>6</sup> “I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

<sup>9</sup> “I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. <sup>12</sup> When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> Now I’m coming to you and I say these things while I’m in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. <sup>14</sup> I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. <sup>15</sup> I’m not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. <sup>17</sup> Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

## 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>

One: From the abundance of God's generosity, all are invited to offer a portion of our gifts.

**All: We offer these offerings to Christ's church.**

One: Remembering the great love that Christ has for all people,

**All: We give these gifts to further spread the love of Christ in the world.**

One: Blessing those who gave, and those unable to give.

**All: We receive joy in this moment of giving.**

One: May these offerings help fulfill our hope to be Christ's love and light in the world.

**OFFERTORY**            'You Are My Strength When I Am Weak' (You Are My All in All)            Jernigan

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

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

**HYMN**    'They'll Know We Are Christians'    No. 494

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**    "God Made from One Blood" (St. Denio) -  
Welsh melody/Lovelace/Rawsthorne

### **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

<sup>1</sup>Harvey, Rev. Dr. Sheila. "Easter 7b - May 12." *United Church of Christ, UCC Worship Ways*, 23 Apr. 2024, [www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-7b-may-12/](http://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-7b-may-12/).

## My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and  
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my  
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*  
 On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK  
 LM w. refrain

# I've Got Peace Like a River

530

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
 2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a  
 3. I've got love like an o-cean, I've got love like an

1  
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my  
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in my  
 o - cean, I've got love like an o-cean in my

2  
 soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.  
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.  
 soul. I've got o-cean in my soul.

WORDS: African-American spiritual  
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual

PEACE LIKE A RIVER  
 77.10

# Be Thou My Vision

595

*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought by day or by night,  
 thou my re - deem - er, my love thou hast won,  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

WORDS: Irish song (8th century); tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

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SLANE  
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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

GIFT OF LOVE  
LM

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Alt. tune: O WALY WALY

# 494 They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em

*Unison* Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

Am Em

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

Am Em

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain* C G C G Em Am

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

ST. BRENDAN'S  
 76.76.86 w. refrain

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Em Am Bm Em

yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.