



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



June 9, 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

'Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above'

No. 6

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (adapted from Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8)

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, with our whole hearts; before all creation we sing your praises

ALL: We bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

Leader: For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

ALL: On the day we called, you answered us; you increased our strength of soul.

Leader: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us against our adversaries.

ALL: Your steadfast love, O Holy One, endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER¹

*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹ (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. We ask for forgiveness from you, and from those who are in our lives - our siblings who are also made in your image. We thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace in all we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF GRACE¹ (2 Corinthians 4:13)

*SUNG RESPONSE

'This Is My Song' vs. 3

No. 722

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

'Seek Ye First'

No. 354

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

⁴ So all the Israelite elders got together and went to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵ They said to him, “Listen. You are old now, and your sons don’t follow in your footsteps. So appoint us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.” ⁶ It seemed very bad to Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us,” so he prayed to the LORD.

⁷ The LORD answered Samuel, “Comply with the people’s request—everything they ask of you—because they haven’t rejected you. No, they’ve rejected me as king over them. ⁸ They are doing to you only what they’ve been doing to me^[a] from the day I brought them out of Egypt to this very minute, abandoning me and worshipping other gods. ⁹ So comply with their request, but give them a clear warning, telling them how the king will rule over them.”^[b]

¹⁰ Then Samuel explained everything the LORD had said to the people who were asking for a king. ¹¹ “This is how the king will rule over you,” Samuel said:

“He will take your sons, and will use them for his chariots and his cavalry and as runners for his chariot. ¹² He will use them as his commanders of troops of one thousand and troops of fifty, or to do his plowing and his harvesting, or to make his weapons or parts for his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, or bakers. ¹⁴ He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ He will give one-tenth of your grain and your vineyards to his officials and servants. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female servants, along with the best of your cattle^[c] and donkeys, and make them do his work. ¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and then you yourselves will become his slaves! ¹⁸ When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you chose for yourselves, but on that day the LORD won’t answer you.”

¹⁴ “Let’s go to Gilgal,” Samuel told the people, “and renew the monarchy there.” ¹⁵ So everyone went to Gilgal, and there at Gilgal they made Saul king in the LORD’s presence. They offered well-being sacrifices in the LORD’s presence, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration there.

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 OFFERINGS¹

OFFERTORY 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul' (Wesley/Johnson)

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'The God of Abraham Praise' vs. 3 No. 24

PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

HYMN 'Let the Whole Creation Cry' No. 21

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Interlude on "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Holden/Callahan)

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

¹Ochoa, Rev. Roberto. "After Pentecost 3B – June 9." *United Church of Christ, Worship Ways*, United Church of Christ, 13 May 2024, www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-3b-june-9/.

6 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. Our God is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -
 3. Then all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud your
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 tress - ing, an ev - er pres - ent help and stay, our peace and
 prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song my voice un -
 glo - ry; let all who own God's power pro - claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm my soul is filled and
 joy and bless - ing. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, for

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur still: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 gent - ly leads the cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 soul and bod - y bear your part: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Christ is Lord, and Christ a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1864, alt.

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MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906

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This Is My Song

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
 2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o-cean,
 3. This is my prayer, O Rul-er of all na-tions:

a song of peace for lands a-far and mine.
 and sun-light beams on clo-ver-leaf and pine;
 let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;
 but oth-er lands have sun-light too, and clo-ver,
 In peace may all earth's peo-ple draw to-geth-er,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho-ly shrine;
 and skies are ev-ery-where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u-nit-ed learn to live as one.

WORDS: St. 1, 2, Lloyd Stone, 1934; st. 3, Georgia Harkness, c. 1939, alt.
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933

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but oth-er hearts in oth-er lands are beat-ing
 O hear my song, thou God of all the na-tions,
 O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na-tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my-self I give thee; let thy will be done.

Seek Ye First

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Al - - - le - - - lu - - - ia, Al-

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and God's
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

D Em7 A7sus D F#m

le - - - lu - ia, Al - - - le-

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

G D G Em D

lu - - - ia, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS and MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1972

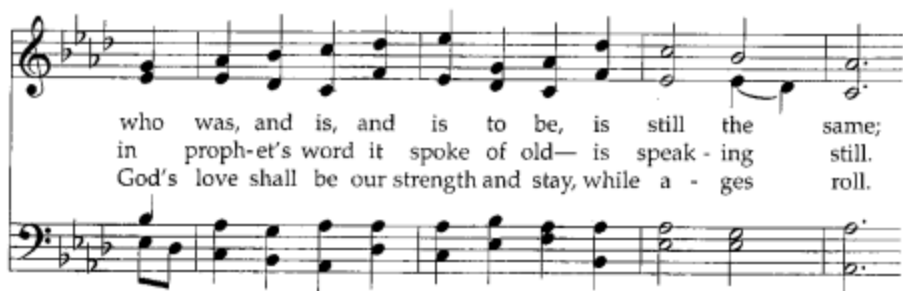
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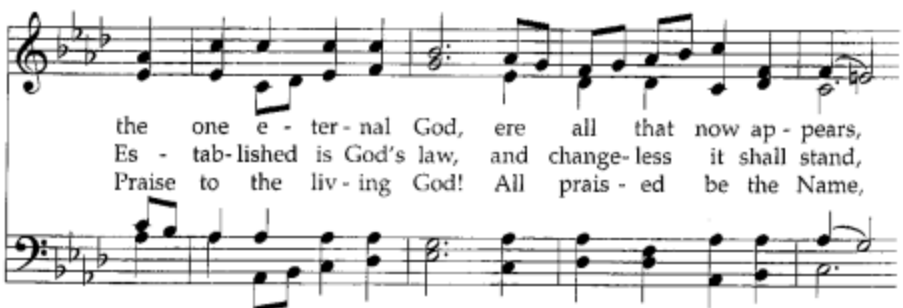
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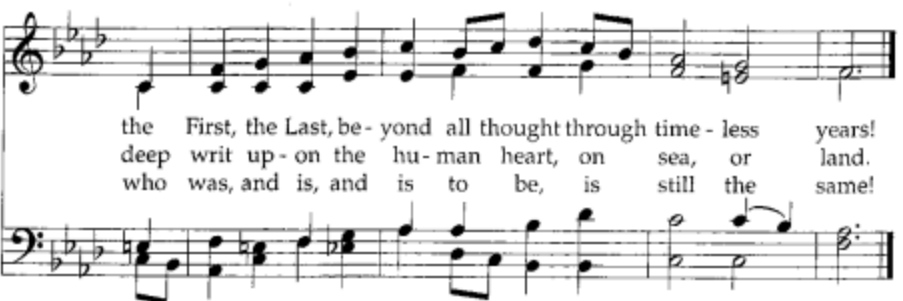
1. The God of A-braham praise. All prais-ed be the Name,
 2. God's spir - it flow-ing free, high surg-ing where it will—
 3. God has e - ter - nal life im - plant-ed in the soul.



who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same;
 in proph-et's word it spoke of old— is speak - ing still.
 God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



the one e - ter - nal God, ere all that now ap - pears,
 Es - tab - lished is God's law, and change-less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be the Name,



the First, the Last, be - yond all thought through time - less years!
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, or land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same!

WORDS: Daniel ben Judah (14th century); tr. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885; alt.
 MUSIC: Hebrew melody, transcribed by Meyer Leoni c. 1770

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21 Let the Whole Creation Cry

1. Let the whole cre - a - tion cry,
 2. All who strive to serve the Lord, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Men and wom - en, young and old,

"Glo - ry be to God on high!"
 Proph - ets burn - ing with God's word, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Raise the an - them man - i - fold,

Sun and moon, lift up your voice,
 Those to whom the arts be - long, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Join with chil - dren's songs of praise,

Night and stars, in God re - jice,
 Add your voic - es to the song, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Wor - ship God through all your days,

Words: Stopford A. Brooke, 1881, alt.
 Music: Robert Williams, 1817

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