



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



June 16, 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**

'In the Bulb There Is a Flower'

No. 638

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

ALL: To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

ALL: For you, O God, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

ALL: They are planted in the house of the Holy One; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of nectar,

All: Showing that the Divine One is upright; God is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in the Holy One.

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**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

'Come and Find the Quiet Center' (vs 1)

No. 575

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ Then Jesus said, “This is what God’s kingdom is like. It’s as though someone scatters seed on the ground, ²⁷ then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn’t know how. ²⁸ The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. ²⁹ Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it’s harvesttime.”

³⁰ He continued, “What’s a good image for God’s kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? ³¹ Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it’s the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; ³² but when it’s planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade.”

³³ With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. ³⁴ He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

REFLECTION AND RECOGNITION OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SHEPHERDS

Dani Kardisco

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*Denotes 2023-2024 members of the CE Team

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Bell Choir

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	'Healing River'	(Hellerman/Minkoff/Haufrecht)
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE	'Come and Find the Quiet Center' (vs 3)	No. 575
PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹		
HYMN	'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'	No. 86
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE <i>Bell Choir</i>	'Bell Peal'	(Hopson)

Participating In Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Alex Green, Music Director
Vanessa Naghdi, Guest Soloist
Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Ochoa, Rev. Roberto. "After Pentecost 4b – June 16." *United Church of Christ, UCC Worship Ways*, 22 May 2024, www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-4b-june-16/.

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

PROMISE
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♩ = 84-92

575 Come and Find the Quiet Center

Unison F B \flat C7

1. Come and find the quiet cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
 2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
 3. In - the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's

F F B \flat

lead, find the room for hope, to en - ter, find the
 pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
 pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -

C7 F Am7

frame where we are freed: clear the cha - os and the
 be - ing, touch - es base, mak - ing space with - in our
 brate the space we gain: there's a place for deep - est

Dm Am7 Dm Am7 B \flat (C7)

clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the
 think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing
 dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1989
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; arr. Jack Schrader

BEACH SPRING
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$\text{♩} = 70-74$

F B \flat C7 F

things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 Spir - it's live - ly, schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

86

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no shad-ow of
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
 cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
 cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

Refrain

as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have

need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed—Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

FAITHFULNESS
 11 10.11 10 w. refrain

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