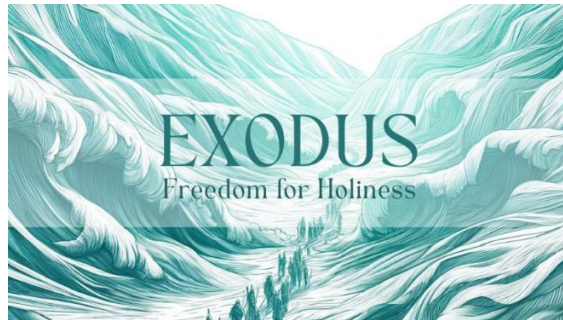




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



July 14, 2024

10:00 am

GOD'S GIFT OF WATER: THE RED SEA

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**

'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah'

No. 622

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God leads us and brings us toward the water of God's love.

ALL: Even during the times we can't see it, God leads us toward life.

Leader: Just as God led in a fiery pillar and separated the waters for the Hebrew people to flee Pharaoh, God leads us and brings us through what lies ahead of us, ever forward toward God's grace.

ALL: In grand miracles, and small happenings, God provides all we need for the journeys of our lives.

Leader: God's miraculous power freed the Hebrew people, leading them to a promised land.

ALL: Through God's miraculous power we have been led worship, together, today. Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹**

Leader: The Pharaoh decrees death to the foreigner. The power of fear, hate, and rage, surround us.

ALL: In the face of evil forgive us our complacency.

Leader: The burning bush flickers beside us. The presence of God invites us.

ALL: In the presence of the Holy forgive us our lack of notice.

Leader: The Red Sea waters stand at attention. The threshold of grace is breath-taking.

ALL: In the company of grace forgive us our reticence to embrace. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Katrina Clinton

Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism for Carlos Benito Carrillo, son of Carlos and Tamra Carrillo. Please see the bulletin insert for details on the service of baptism, and to follow along so that you can participate in the service of baptism.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

'Water, River, Spirit, Grace'

No. 366

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 13:17 – 15:21 (from The Peace Table Bible)

God led the Israelites out of Egypt, through the wilderness, and toward the Red Sea. God went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day. At night, God lighted their way in a pillar of fire.

When Pharaoh and his army drew close, the Israelites looked back in terror. They cried out to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die? It would have been better to work as slaves than to die in the wilderness."

Moses said, "Do not be afraid. Be still and see what God will do."

The pillar of cloud moved between the Israelites and Pharaoh's army. God told Moses to stretch out his staff over the sea. When Moses did, a great wind blew, parting the waters so that the people could walk through on dry ground.

Then the Egyptian army pursued them into the sea. God said to Moses, "Stretch out your staff over the sea." When he did, the waters rushed back. The dry path through the sea was gone. The whole army drowned.

When Moses and the Israelites realized that their suffering at the hands of Pharaoh was finally over, they sang a song to God."

"I will praise you, God, my strength.

The enemy said, ;I will destroy you,;

But you led your people to safety.

Who is like you?

You do awesome wonders!"

The prophet Miriam and all the women played tambourines and danced. They sang:

"Sing to the Lord,

Who has triumphed gloriously!"

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey 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

OFFERTORY 'He Shall Feed His Flock' (Ness/Courtney)

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring' No. 379

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 'Lead On, O Cloud of Presence' No. 633

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE 'Spanish Trumpet Joy' (de Peraza/Harris)

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

¹Hawker, Katherine. "Call to Worship: God Meets Us." *Call to Worship: God Meets Us*, Re:Worship - from Liturgies Outside <http://liturgyoutside.net/>, 2006, re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/08/call-to-worship-god-meets-us.html.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 622

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent; land me safe on

power - ful hand; bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; tr. Peter Williams and the author, 1771
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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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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SANTO

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Water, River, Spirit, Grace

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Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Wa - ter, Riv - er, Spir - it, Grace, sweep o - ver me, sweep o - ver me! Re - carve the depths your fin - gers traced in sculpt - ing me in sculpt - ing me sculpt - ing me." The first system starts with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second system has a repeat sign. The third system has a repeat sign. The fourth system has two endings, marked with '1' and '2', and a repeat sign. The bass line accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Wa - ter, Riv - er, Spir - it,
Grace, sweep o - ver me, sweep o - ver me! Re - carve the
depths your fin - gers traced in sculpt - ing me
in sculpt - ing me sculpt - ing me.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger, 1987
MUSIC: O. I. Cricket Harrison, 1994; arr. Gayle Schoepf, 1994

TRES RIOS
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Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring 379



Ac - cept, O God, the gifts we bring of spir - it and of clay,



trans - form them in - to bless - ings on those we serve to - day.



Re - kin - dle deep with - in us all a pas - sion to ful - fill



the min - is - try dis - ci - ples have, em - power'd to do your will.

WORDS: Mary Ann Parrott, 1982

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784

ELLACOMBE

CMD

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Harmonization: #64

1. Lead on, O cloud of pres - ence; the ex - o - dus is come;
 2. Lead on, O fi - ery pil - lar; we fol - low yet with fears,
 3. Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide us on our way,

in wil - der - ness and des - ert our tribe shall make its home.
 but we shall come re - joic - ing, though joy be born of tears.
 and help us trust the prom - ise through strug - gle and de - lay.

Our bond - age left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow.
 We are not lost, though wan - d'ring, for by your light we come,
 We pray our sons and daugh - ters may jour - ney to that land

We seek the land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.
 and we are still God's peo - ple. The jour - ney is our home.
 where jus - tice dwells with mer - cy and love is law's de - mand.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1974, rev. 1989
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835

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