



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



August 11, 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

***OPENING HYMN**

'When Morning Gilds the Skies'

No. 100

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: God's love for us is great!

People: God is like a loving parent, who watches over us.

Leader: God's mercy for us is great!

People: God reaches out to us in healing patience and peace.

Leader: Praise be to God who has called us here.

People: Praise be to God whose love and mercy is given to us. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER¹

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE** (*in unison*)

God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and we doubt that these things could happen to us today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place our trust in you, O God. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

'Amazing Grace' (vs. 1)

No. 546

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-41 (from *The Peace Table Bible*)

Storm at Sea

That evening, after telling the people many stories, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go across the Sea of Galilee." They got into the boat, leaving the crowd behind. Several other boats went with them.

A great storm arose. The wind howled. Waves beat against the boat, swamping it with water. But Jesus was in the back sleeping on a pillow! The disciples woke him up, saying, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to drown?"

Jesus spoke to the wind and sea: "Peace! Be still!" The wind stopped and everything became calm. Jesus said to the disciples, "Why were you afraid? Don't you have faith in me?"

They were filled with great fear and said to each other, "Who can he be? Even the wind and the water do what he says!"

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 PRAYER¹

**Today we will use bubbles as a way of sending our worries, fears, and prayers to God. As people say the name or circumstance for which prayer is needed, please blow your bubbles while Pastor Jeff says, "God in your mercy, hear our 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

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| OFFERTORY | 'Lamb of God' | (Paris/Larson) |
| *OFFERTORY RESPONSE | 'Now Thank We All Our God' | No. 715 |
| PRAYER OF DEDICATION | | |
| HYMN | 'God of Grace and God of Glory' | No. 464 |
| BENEDICTION | | |
| POSTLUDE | Festive Voluntary on "Nettleton" | (Traditional/Lasky) |

Participating In Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Alex Green, Music Director
Susannah Thornton, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter
Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

¹Townley, Nancy C. "Worship Connection: June 23, 2024." *Worship Connection: June 23, 2024*, 3 Apr. 2021, www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2857/worship-connection-june-23-2024.

1. When morn ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,
 2. Dis - cord - ant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,
 3. Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face;
 4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine;

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

to Je - sus I re - pair; may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 both now and ev - er - more: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

WORDS: German hymn (early 19th century); tr. Edward Caswall, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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Amazing Grace!

546

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 4 anonymous
 MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

NEW BRITAIN
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560 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus

lean-ing, safe and se-secure from all a-larms; lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER
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1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God our Fa - ther and our Moth - er,

who won-drous things has done, in whom the world re - joic - es,
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
 to Christ and to the One who binds us to each oth - er,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us full of grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

NUN DANKET
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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