



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



November 3, 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

'For All The Saints'

No. 637

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to imitate Paul, who sought to imitate Christ, in his sharing of the gospel.

ALL: Let us look carefully so that we can better imitate Christ by being compassionate, and by seeking justice.

Leader: Paul says those who stand in the way of the gospel, and in the way of the cross, are those who idolize earthly things that only fuel a person's appetite but not their soul.

ALL: We stand for the gospel, and for God's promises, as we follow the example of the saints who have gone before us.

Leader: Paul says that our citizenship is in heaven, and that we look for a savior who comes from there who will transform us.

ALL: We are all made in God's image, and we all find our home in God. We are eternally bound in God's promises of love. Let us worship God together, welcoming the saints in light into our hearts, and let us share the joy of the gospel - that our place is with God in God's eternal home.

OPENING PRAYER

*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹ (in unison)

Refuge of our hearts, we must speak of how we have not made you the center of our lives. We look for shelter in the false security of the world, not in your promises. Our fears are driven by our emotions and decisions, not by our trust in you. We look to the powerful, the beautiful, the athletic to be our role models, instead of the One who comes in your name.

Have mercy on us, our Light and our Hope, and touch us with your forgiving grace. Fill our hearts with your presence, so we might recognize the One who has come to gather us up and lead us into your Kin-dom. Amen.

*WORDS OF GRACE¹

Leader: God does not give us up to the temptations and ways of the world, but shelters us with love, with hope, and with grace.

ALL: We are transformed people. Our songs of joy are lifted to the One who transforms us and saves us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

'Amazing Grace' (vs 1)

No. 546

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco

HYMN OF PREPARATION

'We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God'

No. 64

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:17-21

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, become imitators of me and watch those who live this way—you can use us as models. ¹⁸ As I have told you many times and now say with deep sadness, many people live as enemies of the cross. ¹⁹ Their lives end with destruction. Their god is their stomach, and they take pride in their disgrace because their thoughts focus on earthly things. ²⁰ Our citizenship is in heaven. We look forward to a savior that comes from there—the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform our humble bodies so that they are like his glorious body, by the power that also makes him able to subject all things to himself.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Kardisco

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Bagatelle in Eb, Op. 126, No. 3

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Sylvia Berry

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...



ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE & BUBBLE PRAYER

**Today for All Saints Sunday we will observe our time of prayer together by remembering the beloved Saints who have passed in the past year, along with all those who have been lifted up by our community to be remembered. As we read the names of those who have passed we will ring the bell, and at that time we invite everyone in the congregation to also blow their bubbles to lift up that person's name with our breath.*

*If you did not have the opportunity before today to share someone's name to be read, but you would like us to remember a loved one, when invited please feel free to share your loved one's name and we will ring the bell and blow bubbles to remember them.**

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

Sylvia Berry

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'Pass It On' (vs 1&3)

No. 477

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)*

God of all, we thank you for your many gifts. We thank you for the foundations laid by the saints who have gone before us. We thank you for the opportunity to build on those foundations. We thank you for all that you will do in the world when we, ourselves, have joined the saints. Help us to always remember that you have made us in your image, bound us together in love, and continue to love us through eternity. Amen.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***At Christ Congregational Church we serve communion at an open table, which means ALL are welcome to participate. This means a few things:**

1. *None of the cups for communion contain wine.*
2. *People of all ages are welcome to receive communion.*
3. *People of all faiths are welcome to receive communion.*
4. *People of all gender identities and sexual orientations are welcome to receive communion.*
5. *People who are not able to come forward to receive communion are still welcome to receive it, please let a deacon know if you need the pastor or another server to bring the elements to you.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Leader: Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

Leader: We gather around this table set before time began.

All: We come to this table to celebrate, share, and experience God's life-giving love!

Leader: Holy are You, God of all creation, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Yearning for us to know You, He came to earth to be with us. Longing for reconciliation between You and Your children, He became the broken Bread of Life. Aching for our release from the agony of sin and death, He suffered on the cross, so we might be made whole. All this, so we may gather around this table.

All: When we stand around your Table, we witness, firsthand, the depth of Your love for us. As we approach our place at Your table, all hurtful words are silenced and divisions melt away. We sit, side by side, while hope and grace become our closest friends. Draw us in as one people of God.

WORDS OF INVITATION

Leader: The table is set, the time is right; Your meal, like no other, claims us.

All: We are called to God's table of love, prepared for all people.

Leader: The Table of Christ is long and has many chairs.

All: There is plenty of room here!

Leader: It is the table where LOVE is in charge of the guest list,

All: And reservations are not required.

Leader: Come, approach God's table of love, grace and mercy,

All: We come with open hands and open hearts.

Leader: Come, just as God made you.

All: For the gifts of grace are free

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Leader: Friends, the body of Christ given for you.

ALL: In our eating may we better imitate Christ.

Leader: Friends, the cup of salvation poured out for the forgiveness of many.

ALL: In our drinking may we be filled with Christ's grace and compassion.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

HYMN

'Community of Christ'

No. 655

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sylvia Berry

Participating In Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Sylvia Berry, Guest Music Director

Laura Ramos, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

¹Shuman, Thom. *Confession: Lent 2 C*, Lectionary Liturgies/Re:Worship, re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/02/confession-lent-2-c_11.html. Accessed 30 Oct. 2024.

For All the Saints

Unison

1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might: their
 3. O blest com - mun - ion, com - pa - ny di - vine!
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the con - flict long,
 5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far-thest coast, through

1. thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 2. strength and sol - ace in the well-fought fight;
 3. We live and strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 4. steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
 5. gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

1. name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 2. thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true light.
 3. yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 4. and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 5. sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

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

WORDS: William W. How, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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Amazing Grace!

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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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We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God 64

1. We sing your might-y power, O God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2. We sing your good-ness, sov-ereign God, who filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low, but makes your glo-ries known;

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.
you formed the crea-tures with your word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from your throne.

We sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
Oh! how your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er we turn our eyes:
While all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,

The moon shines full at your com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if we sur - vey the ground we tread, or gaze up - on the skies.
and ev - ery-where that we can be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.
MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784

ELLACOMBE
CMD

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,
 2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding,
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've found—

and soon all those a - round can warm up in its glow - ing;
 the birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom - ing;
 on God you can de - pend, it mat - ters not where you're bound;

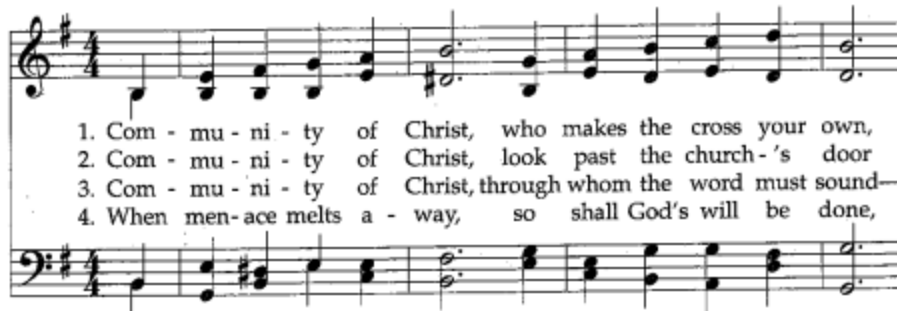
that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it:
 that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it:
 I'll shout it from the moun - tain top, I want my world to know:

you spread God's love to ev - ery - one, you want to pass it on.
 you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
 the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

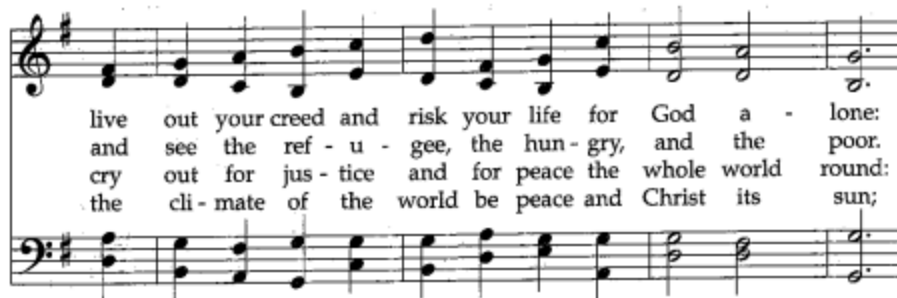
WORDS and MUSIC: Kurt Kaiser, 1969

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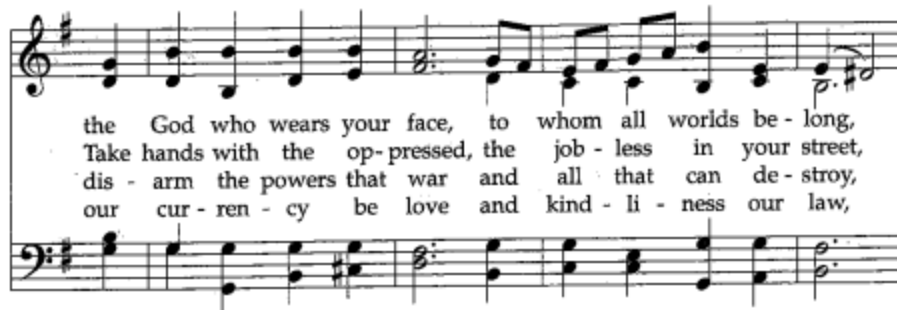
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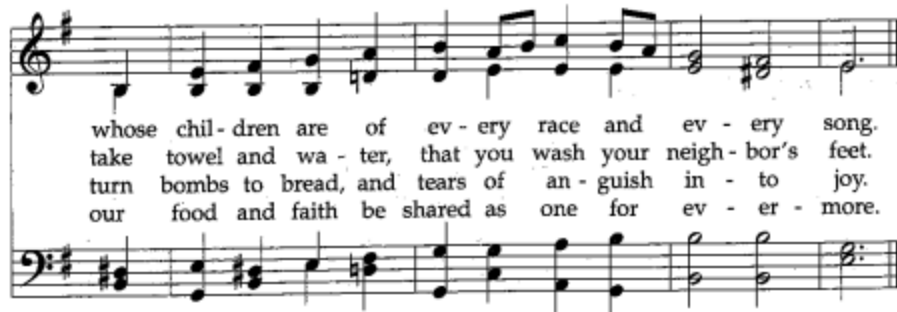
1. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who makes the cross your own,
 2. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door
 3. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4. When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,



live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;



the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,



whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1985
 MUSIC: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Leoni, 1780

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