



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



October 20, 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

Matt Howard

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'We Call Ourselves Disciples'

No. 357

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹** *(Inspired by Psalm 104)*

Leader: Today we gather to worship, with all our hopes, weariness, joys, and concerns swirling within us. We gather to worship One who both ascends above our condition and descends to meet us in the midst of them.

ALL: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

Leader: We are humbled and grateful that the Majestic God knows our names and seeks our presence.

ALL: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

Leader: We raise our spirits as one body, strengthening, fortifying, and encouraging one another as we honor The Holy One's glorious and precious name.

ALL: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

OPENING PRAYER¹

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹** *(in unison)*

Liberating God, break us free from all the ways this world enslaves and ensnares your people. May our hearts be infused with your compassion. May our works be filled with your generosity. May our lives be testaments that new life in freedom, in love, and in you are possible. Transform us by your Spirit each day to be the part of you the world needs from us. We trust in your mercy and grace to make room and empower us to make it so. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE¹**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

'I Love to Tell the Story' (vs 1)

No. 480

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco

**HYMN OF PREPARATION
SCRIPTURE**

'Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service'

No. 461

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³⁷ They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory."

³⁸ Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?"

³⁹ "We can," they answered.

Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. ⁴³ But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. ⁴⁴ Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, ⁴⁵ for the Human One ^[a] didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

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 'There is A Balm in Gilead' (Traditional/Dawson)

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'I Love to Tell the Story' (vs 2) No. 480

PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

HYMN 'Called as Partners in Christ's Service' No. 453

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating In Todays Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Alex Green, Music Director

Laura Ramos, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

¹Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. "After Pentecost 22b - October 20." *Worship Ways UCC*, United Church of Christ, 9 Oct. 2024, www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-22b-october-20/.

1. We call our-selves dis-ci-ples, as pil-grims on the way.
 2. The cup and cross be-fore us, pro-claim our hope a-bove,
 3. We're bap-tized in the Spir-it, in wa-ters God pro-vides.
 4. We join with all dis-ci-ples to live the Word in deed,
 5. So now the vi-sion bright-ens, the light of Christ burns still

1. We seek the truth in wis-dom, and beau-ty in each day.
 2. the sign of our Re-deem-er, the ves-sel of his love.
 3. In Christ we rise to new-ness, for in him we have died.
 4. to share the cup of wa-ter and bread with all in need;
 5. in hearts of all dis-ci-ples to be the church God wills.

1. As wom-en, men, and chil-dren, we serve, Christ's path to clear.
 2. Once more the cross is lift-ed, the cup poured out for all.
 3. Now dead to powers of e-vil, and free from hope-less fears,
 4. to work till God's com-pass-ion and righ-teous-ness pre-vail,
 5. From qui-et med-i-ta-tion, and joy-ous hymns of praise,

1. In joy-ful ex-pec-ta-tion we see God's reign draw near.
 2. When gath-ered at the ta-ble we hear our com-mon call.
 3. we live with faith and pur-pose, cre-a-tive through the years.
 4. till all this plan-et's peo-ple know jus-tice with-out fail.
 5. we go to do God's mis-sion! Christ, lead us all our days!

WORDS: Jim Miller, 1984
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1836

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I Love to Tell the Story

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1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when, in

tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my
 tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal -
 scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old

long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 va - tion from God's own ho - ly word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill
 sto - ry that I have loved so long.

be my theme in glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

WORDS: Katherine Hankey, c. 1868
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

HANKEY
 76.76D w. refrain

461 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of
 2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry
 3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-
 4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear

hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light in its height and depth and great-ness
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a-ged,

of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-
 dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and
 love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing
 pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to
 com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly, 1961, alt. BEACH SPRING
 MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White, 1844; harm. Ronald A. Nelson, 1978 87.87D

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to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.
 Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire-less striv-ing your a-bun-dant life to share.
 Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know, and live.

453 Called as Partners in Christ's Service



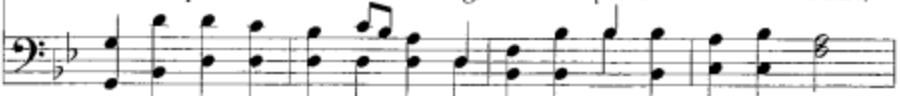
1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is - tries of grace,
2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in- spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4. So God grant us for to -mor- row ways to or- der hu-man life



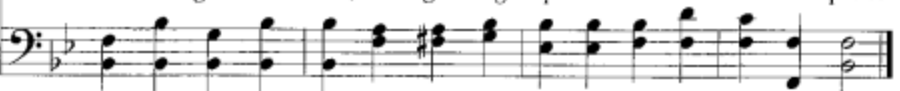
we re- spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol- low, nev- er fal-tering, rec- on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con- quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac- tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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