



**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



October 27, 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\**

### REFORMATION SUNDAY 2024

*On October 31st, 1517 (as the story goes) Martin Luther nailed his “Ninety-Five Theses” on the door of the All Saints’ Church in Wittenberg as a protest against the selling of indulgences (forgiveness of sins) by the Catholic Church - the church he served as a priest. While Martin Luther originally saw the posting of his Ninety-Five Theses simply as a public, scholarly, objection to church practices it is widely agreed by scholars of church history to be the start of the Protestant Reformation. As Protestant Christians (meaning not Roman Catholic or Eastern Orthodox) Martin Luther’s role in church history is part of our foundation and heritage, and it has given birth to a wide diversity of Christian thought and practice throughout the world in the 500+ years since. As Luther protested the selling of indulgences by the church his core theological conviction, and the seed of all Protestantism, became clear - God’s grace is God’s alone to give, and God’s grace can’t be earned or bought because it’s already freely offered to every person through God’s Spirit. Today as we celebrate in worship we will lean into that theological conviction, because here at Christ Congregational Church UCC no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey you are welcome here!*

### RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Howard

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

‘A Mighty Fortress Is Our God’

No. 65

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Leader: Our help is in the name of God,

**ALL: who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O God, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**ALL: We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**



## SERMON

Pastor Jeff Kardisco

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Jenn Scott

*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

'O Sing to the Lord'

Jenn Scott

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'To God Be the Glory' (vs 3)

No. 72

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)*

**God who invites us, no matter who we are, we are thankful for the abundance you have given us. Please accept these gifts as a portion of the life you have given us. Bless them, and may they be used to help others to realize your love and grace as well. Amen.**

### \*HYMN

'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

No. 5

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

'Awake, the Voice Commands' (Wachet Auf, Ruft uns die Stimme)  
Johann Sebastian Bach

### Participating In Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Jenn Scott, Guest Music Director

Laura Ramos, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing,  
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,  
 3. And though this world with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,  
 4. God's word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth.

our pres-ent help a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.  
 but there is one who takes our side, the one of God's own choos-ing.  
 we will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri-umph through us.  
 The Spir-it and the gifts are ours, through Christ, who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe, with craft and  
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he with might-y  
 The powers of dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for them; their rage we  
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so. The bod-y

pow-er great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth with-out an e-qual.  
 pow'r to save, vic-to-ri-ous o'er the grave, Christ will pre-vail tri-um-phant!  
 can en-dure, for lo, their doom is sure: One lit-tle word shall fell them.  
 they may kill, God's truth a-bid-eth still, God's reign en-dures for-ev-er.

WORDS: Martin Luther, c. 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852;  
 adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981, 1990  
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, c. 1529; harm. from *The New Hymnal for American Youth*, 1930

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# 23 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en, glad of heart your  
 2. Praise to God for grace and fav - or shown to all who  
 3. Moth - er - like, God tends and spares us, know - ing well our  
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish: blows the wind, and  
 5. An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion you who see God

1. car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 2. are op - pressed. God shows stead - fast love for - ev - er,  
 3. frag - ile frame. Fath - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,  
 4. it is gone. But, while mor - tals rise and per - ish,  
 5. face to face; sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

1. who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. ten - der - heart - ed, slow to blame. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. God's com - pass - ion still lives on. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5. dwell - ers all in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all our days.  
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me praise God's name!  
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal One!  
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women's  
 Center and Ruth Duck, 1974  
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

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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 will 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

## To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the  
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, to ev - ery be -  
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
 joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875  
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY  
 11 11.11 11 w. refrain

Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thru

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done!

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;  
3. My lov-ing Sav'-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
4. Glo-ry to God and praise and love be ev-er, ev-er given

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!  
'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.  
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.  
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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