



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



November 10, 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**

'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'

No. 576

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: God has called us like Moses in the wilderness, the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.

ALL: They shared their blessings so that we might know God's presence here.

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

ALL: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

OPENING PRAYER²

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE³ (in unison)**

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own, trying to find our own way. Sometimes, we are like toddlers, and we hear Your call to come back. Other times, we are like children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose, and set free; not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance.

But, most of all, too often we think we are adults who have figured it all out, and know our own way, only to stumble and stray far from you.

Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children. Remind us that we are never fully grown up in Your sight. Remind us that we always have much to learn, and more wisdom to gain. Help us to seek You ever day in faith, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path you invite us to walk on, with you. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

***SUNG RESPONSE** 'Just as I Am, Without One Plea' (vs 4) No. 339

TIME FOR ALL AGES Dani Kardisco

HYMN OF PREPARATION 'If You Will Trust in God to Guide You' No. 565

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-3

11 Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. ² The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith. ³ By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

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.

RESPONDING IN FAITH: STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY 'Alleluia! I Will Sing' (Waggoner)

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'Halle-Halle-Halleluja' (twice) No. 41

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 'Here I Am, Lord' No. 452

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE 'Fugue' (Clérambault)

Participating In Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Alex Green, Music Director

Laura Ramos, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

¹Unknown, Author. "Call to Worship: Hebrews 11-12." *Call to Worship: Hebrews 11-12*, re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/07/call-to-worship-hebrews-11-12.html. Accessed 7 Nov. 2024.

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³Mindi, Rev. "Prayer of Confession: Walking with God." *Re:Worship (Shared from Rev-O-Lution Http://Rev-o-Lution.Org/)*, Rev-O-Lution; Rev Mindi, re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/01/prayer-of-confession-walking-with-god.html. Accessed 7 Nov. 2024.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be, thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's

guilt a-way; oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a-way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

WORDS: Ray Palmer, 1831, alt.
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1832

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Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, but
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with
 3. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt
 4. Just as I am, thy love un - known, hast

that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bid'st me
 man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 bro - ken ev - 'ry bar - rier down; now, to be thine, yea,

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

WORDS: Charlotte Elliott, 1835
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1849

WOODWORTH
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If You Will Trust in God to Guide You 565

1. If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in God through
 2. God will embrace your pain and weep-ing, your help-less an-ger
 3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un-swer-ving; so do your own part

all your ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be-tide you,
 and dis-tress. If you are in God's care and keep-ing,
 faith-ful-ly, and trust God's word; though un-de-serv-ing,

and bear you through the e-vil days. Who trusts in God's un-
 in-sor-row will God love you less? For Christ, who took for
 you'll find God's pro-mise true to be. God nev-er will for-

chang-ing love builds on the rock that will not move.
 you a cross, will bring you safe through ev-ery loss.
 sake in need the soul that trusts in God in-deed.

WORDS: Georg Neumark, 1657; tr. st. 1, 3, Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.; WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
 st. 2 tr. Jaroslav Vajda, alt. 98.98.88
 MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1657

Halle-Halle-Halleluja

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G D G C Am D

Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja.

G B7 Em Am D7 G C G D

Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.

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Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro- vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Harmony

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

hold your peo-ple in my heart. heart.
heart, in my heart.
heart, in my heart.

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981
MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. James Snyder, 1994

HERE I AM, LORD
77.74 w. refrain

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