



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



November 24, 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 the Fruit of All Creation'

No. 714

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here to explore God's will for us as God's people.

ALL: God's love is not only eternal, and unending, it is also intentional.

Leader: We are gathered because God delights when love is like gravity for God's people, drawing us together.

ALL: God's love is not only intentional, it is also strong.

Leader: We worship, with thanksgiving, because the intention and strength of God's love are what guide our hearts to hope.

ALL: God's love is not only intentional, and strong, it is real.

Leader: We pursue the beloved community here in our congregation, in our community, and in our world because we believe the reality of God's love is the good news of the gospel.

ALL: God's love gathers us in, guides our hearts to hope, and gives us something real to share with the world. Let us worship God together with intention, with strength, and with thanksgiving for the way God's love becomes real in our midst.

OPENING PRAYER

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

Our response to your grace matters, O God. Your grace sets our hearts in motion. Motion toward hope. Motion toward acceptance. Motion toward justice and equity. We have accepted your grace, but too often we have stopped short on following through with extending your grace to others. The motion stops in our own hearts, and we give thanks for the way it makes US feel. Help us to see how to keep the motion of your grace moving into the world, beyond ourselves, and help us to find the thanksgiving in seeing it manifest in the hearts of others too. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

'Let All Things Now Living' (vs. 1)

No. 717

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco

**HYMN OF PREPARATION
SCRIPTURE**

'Now Thank We All Our God'

No. 715

1 Thessalonians 5:14-24

¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are disorderly. Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. ¹⁶ Rejoice always. ¹⁷ Pray continually. ¹⁸ Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Don't suppress the Spirit. ²⁰ Don't brush off Spirit-inspired messages, ²¹ but examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good. ²² Avoid every kind of evil. ²³ Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming. ²⁴ The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

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 OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

'We Gather Together' (Dutch traditional/Baker/Walton)

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'Halle-Halle-Halleluja' (twice)

No. 41

DEDICATION OF DAILY OFFERINGS, PLEDGES, AND INGATHERING FOOD ITEMS

HYMN

'Here I Am, Lord'

No. 452

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty) (Reger)

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



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God;

for good gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God; for the
 in the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done; in our
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God; for the

plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1970
 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Luther Orlando Emerson, 1906

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Let All Things Now Living

Descant

2. Ah, _____

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es, the

sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. Ah, _____

God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

the depths of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, by guid - ing us on to the
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -

WORDS: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; desc. Katherine K. Davis, 1939
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ASH GROVE
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claim God di - vine. Re - joice, re -

end of our days; God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be
 claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our love and re -

joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise.

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night: till
 joic - ing with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise: till

Ah, _____ to

shad - ows have yan - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished, as
 all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing, to

God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,

who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,

with countless 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 ever more.

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

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 67.67.66.66

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
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