



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



August 3, 2025

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**

Anita Keenan

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'O For A World'

No. 683

**CALL TO GATHERING<sup>1</sup>** *(Inspired by Psalm 107)*

One: Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!

**ALL: For the Holy One redeemed us and sustained us through the time of trouble.**

One: Give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good!

**ALL: For the Compassionate One heard our cry and sustained us through the time of trouble.**

One: Give thanks to the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**ALL: Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!**

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**

**\*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE<sup>1</sup>**

**ALL: Holy God, too often we seem determined to turn away from you. You, however, continually call us to repentance—to turn—back to you and your way. We pray for fortitude to remain on the path set by Jesus and embody the ministry of Christ in the world. Deliver us from the insignificant concerns that distract us and empower us to do the work you have called us to do. Most of all, grant us grace to be the people you have made us to be.**

**\*WORDS OF GRACE<sup>1</sup>**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

'Be Thou My Vision' (vs. 3)

No. 595

## SCRIPTURE

### Luke 12:13-21

#### **Warning against greed**

<sup>13</sup> Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?"

<sup>15</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. <sup>17</sup> He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! <sup>18</sup> Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. <sup>19</sup> I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' <sup>21</sup> This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

## SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Kardisco

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*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 OFFERING<sup>1</sup>

### OFFERTORY

'Lord, Be Glorified'

(Kilpatrick)

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'Day By Day'

No. 599

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>1</sup>



## 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. *Communion today will be served in the pews. If you haven't already received a communion cup from one of our Deacons, and you are limited in your mobility to go and get one now, please let a member of the Deacons know and they'll be happy to assist you.*

### INVITATION

Leader: Jesus said - "I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**ALL: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

### COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: ... Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere saying...

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

### REMEMBERING THE STORY

### BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

### BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*\*Communion today will be served in the pews. Please wait to eat your wafer, and to drink your cup, until everyone is prompted to do so together. Please see a member of the Deacons if you haven't received your sealed communion cup to participate at your seat.\**

Leader: The body of Christ, the living bread. Take and eat.

**ALL: Amen!**

Leader: The cup of salvation, God's grace poured out. Take and drink.

**ALL: Amen!**

<b>COMMUNION ANTHEM</b>	'Seed, Scattered And Down'	(Feiten)
<b>PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</b>		
<b>*HYMN</b>	'Go, My Children, With My Blessing'	No. 431
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	'We Will Go Out With Joy In The Spirit'	(Donaldson/Donaldson)

**Participating In Todays Worship Service:**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Alex Green, Music Director

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

†Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. "After Pentecost - 8c." *United Church of Christ Worship Ways*,  
United Church of Christ, 16 July 2025, [www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-8c/](http://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-8c/).

## O for a World

1. O for a world where ev - ery - one re -  
 2. O for a world where goods are shared and  
 3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and  
 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the  
 5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's

1. spect each oth - er's ways, where love is lived and  
 2. mis - er - y re - lieved, where truth is spo - ken,  
 3. strug - gle with each choice that o - pens us to  
 4. fool - ish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn; out -  
 5. glo - rious reign of peace, where time and tears will

1. all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
 2. chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
 3. u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
 4. casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
 5. be no more, and all but love will cease.

WORDS: Miriam Therese Winter, 1967  
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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# Be Thou My Vision

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*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought by day or by night,  
 thou my re - deem - er, my love thou hast won,  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

WORDS: Irish song (8th century); tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

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## Day by Day

Day by day, day by day,

O, dear Lord, three things I pray:

to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,

fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

day by day, by day, by day, by day.

*ritard.*

\* Small notes only on repeat

WORDS: Attr. Richard of Chichester (13th century), alt.  
MUSIC: Stephen Schwartz, 1971

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# Go, My Children, with My Blessing 431

1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;  
 2. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure,  
 3. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own;  
 here you learned how - much I love you, what I can cure;  
 grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

in my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for  
 here you heard my Son's dear sto - ry, here you touched him; saw his  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er-filled you, here his ten - der com - fort

ev - er, go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing you are my own.  
 glo - ry, go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en at peace and pure,  
 stilled you; go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

WORDS: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983  
 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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