



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



July 6, 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

Matt Howard

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 46:10)

***OPENING SONG**

'Come To Me, O Weary Traveler'

No. 353

CALL TO GATHERING (Matthew 11:28-29 The Message)

Leader: Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion?

Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest.

ALL: Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it.

Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.

Leader: I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.

Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

ALL: Let us leave what weighs us down and makes us tired.

God of rest, we worship you.

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹**

ALL: Dear God, Sometimes we forget to slow down. Sometimes we get too busy with work, screens, or chores. Sometimes we forget to think about You. We are sorry when we don't make time to rest with You. Please help us to enjoy Your gift of Sabbath— to rest my body, to quiet my heart, and to remember how much You love me.

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS¹**

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

'Kum Ba Yah' (verse 1 & 4)

No. 590

SABBATH SCRIPTURE LITANY - God Reminds Us about the Meaning of Sabbath
(Matthew 11:28-29, Psalm 46:10, Exodus 20:8, Isaiah 40:31, John 14:27)

SABBATH STORIES

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 (Bubble Prayer)

As Pastor Jeff reads the prayer requests, take another micro-Sabbath using the bubbles. Delight in the joy of bubbles as you release your breath to send the prayers to God.

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

‘Nothing to Fear’

(The Porter’s Gate)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

‘Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow’

No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹



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.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING OF 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

'Come to the Table of Grace'

(Hamm)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, Thank you for meeting us at this table— for feeding us with love that sets us free. Be with us in every struggle and every song. Send us out with courage, to break chains, open doors, and live your justice.

**In the name of Jesus,
Amen.**

*CLOSING SONG

'Blessed Assurance'

No. 543

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

'Glory to God'

(Peruvian)

Participating In Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Alex Green, Music Director

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

¹Hargreaves, Sam. "Engageworship." Engageworship.org, 2023, engageworship.org/ideas/everybodys-welcome-opening-prayer. Accessed 16 June 2025.

²Caldwell, Elizabeth F, and Carol A Wehrheim. Growing in God's Love. Westminster John Knox Press, 5 Jan. 2018, p. 152.

Unison

1. Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to
 2. Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
 3. Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
 4. Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in

me with your dis - tress; come to me, you hea - vy
 fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is

bur - dened; come to me and find your rest.
 fore you; do not run from me in fright.
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty.
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care.

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1990
 MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992

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Kum ba Yah

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1. *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba
 2. Some-one's cry-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's cry-ing, Lord, kum ba
 3. Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba
 4. Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba

A7 D G D G D A7 D

yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
 yah! Some-one's cry-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
 yah! Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
 yah! Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

**Come by here*

WORDS and MUSIC: Marvin Frey, 1938

DESMOND
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1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and

vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his
 sight; an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of
 blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his

Refrain

Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my
 good - ness, lost in his love.

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873
 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE
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