



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



July 13, 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 HYMN**

'Be Thou My Vision'

No. 595

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has set before us life and death.

**ALL: We long to choose life.**

Leader: God has set before us blessings and curses.

**ALL: We long to choose blessings.**

Leader: So we gather this morning in beloved community.

**ALL: We gather to love, and be loved. To celebrate God's word among us.**

Leader: Let us share in worship together. Let us feast on God's Word!

**ALL: Let us worship God with joy!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

Leader: When we do not listen to your voice in the depths of our own hearts, calling us to love and forgive...

**ALL: God have mercy.**

Leader: When we do not listen to your voice in our common life, calling us to welcome the stranger and create community...

**ALL: Christ have mercy.**

Leader: When we do not listen to your voice in our world, calling us to work for justice and to make peace...

**ALL: God have mercy. Amen.**

## **\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: The Word is very near to us, in our hearts and on our lips. In Christ, we are forgiven; our lives are made new, and our future of hope is restored.

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **\*SUNG RESPONSE**

'Thy Word' (twice)

No. 326

## **A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

Matt Howard

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

'Community Of Christ'

No. 655

## **SCRIPTURE**

### **Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

*<sup>9</sup> The LORD your God will help you succeed in everything you do—in your own fertility, your livestock's offspring, and your land's produce—everything will be great! Because the LORD will once again enjoy doing good things for you just as he enjoyed doing them for your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> and because you will be obeying the LORD your God's voice, keeping his commandments and his regulations that are written in this Instruction scroll, and because you will have returned to the LORD your God with all your heart and all your being.*

*<sup>11</sup> This commandment that I'm giving you right now is definitely not too difficult for you. It isn't unreachable. <sup>12</sup> It isn't up in heaven somewhere so that you have to ask, "Who will go up for us to heaven and get it for us that we can hear it and do it?" <sup>13</sup> Nor is it across the ocean somewhere so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the ocean for us and get it for us that we can hear it and do it?" <sup>14</sup> Not at all! The word is very close to you. It's in your mouth and in your heart, waiting for you to do it.*

## **SERMON**

Mary Perry

## **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 OFFERINGS**

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	'The Sound Of Silence'	(Simon)
<b>*OFFERTORY RESPONSE</b>	'Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)' vs. 2	No. 536
<b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		
<b>*HYMN</b>	'Thuma Mina (Send Me, Jesus)'	No. 447
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	"Postlude on 'Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones'" (Traditional/McConnell)	

**Participating In Todays Worship Service:**

Rev. Mary Perry, Guest Pastor

Alex Green, Music Director

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

# 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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# Thy Word

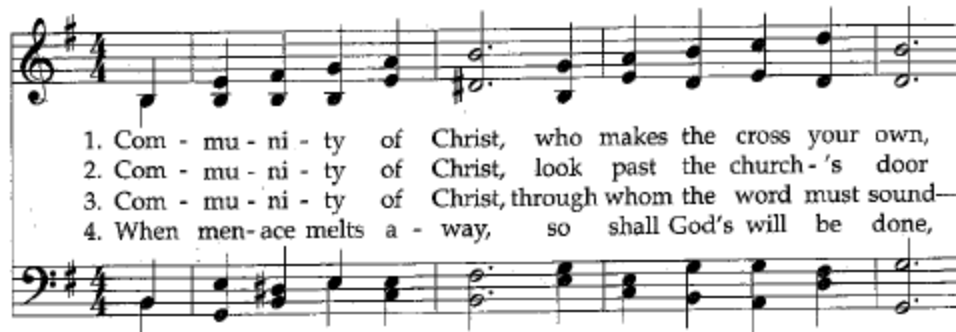
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Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

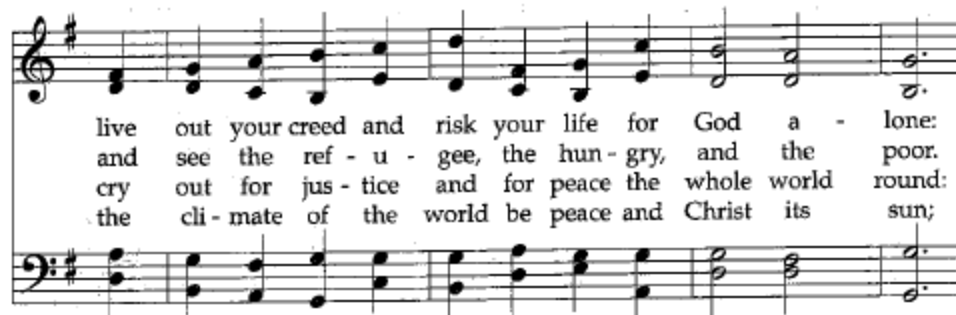
WORDS: Amy Grant, 1984  
MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. Keith Phillips

THY WORD  
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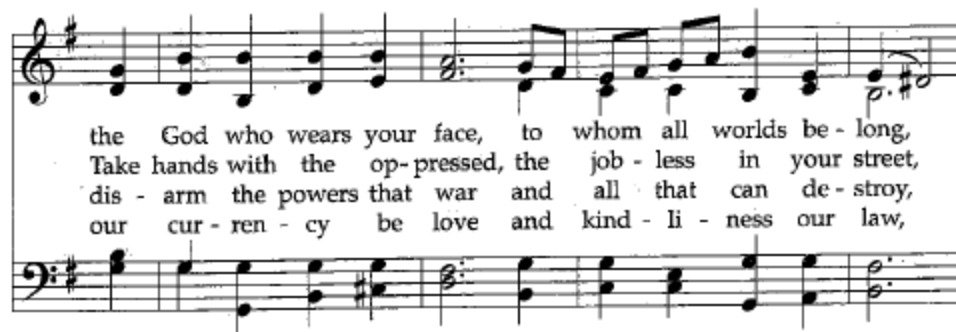
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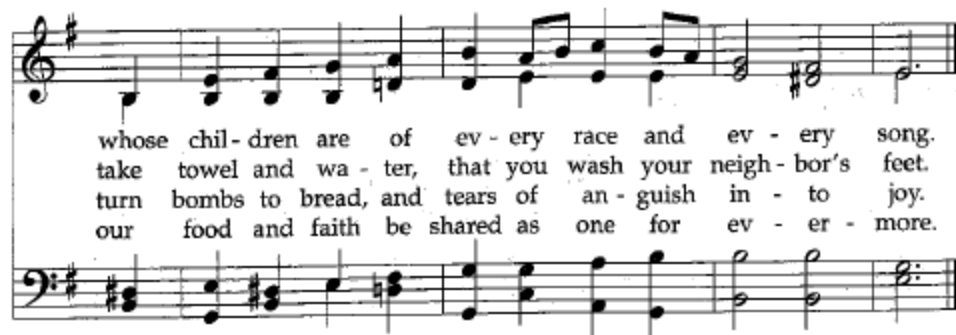
1. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who makes the cross your own,  
 2. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door  
 3. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—  
 4. When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,



live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:  
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.  
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:  
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;



the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,  
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,  
 dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,  
 our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,



whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.  
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.  
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.  
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1985  
 MUSIC: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Leoni, 1780

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## Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)

*Unisono (Unison)*

D                      Em                      A7                      D

1. Pues si vi - vi - mos,                      pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos  
2. En es - ta vi - da,                      fru - tos he - mos de dar.

1. When we are liv - ing,                      it is in Christ Je - sus,  
2. Through all our liv - ing,                      we our fruits must give.

Bm                      Em                      A7                      D

y si mo - ri - mos                      pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.  
Las o - bras bue - nas                      son pa - ra o - fren - dar.

and when we're dy - ing,                      it is in the Lord.  
Good works of ser - vice                      are for of - fer - ing.

G                      Em                      A                      F#m

Sea que vi - va - mos                      o que mu - ra - mos,  
Ya sea que de - mos                      o que re - ci - ba - mos,

Both in our liv - ing                      and in our dy - ing,  
When we are giv - ing,                      or when re - ceiv - ing,

WORDS: St. 1 anonymous, tr. Elise S. Eslinger, 1983;  
st. 2, 3, 4 Roberto Escamilla, 1983, tr. George Lockwood, 1987

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MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; harm. *Celebremos*, 1983, alt.

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*Estribillo (Refrain)**last time to Coda*

Bm                      Em                      A7                      D

so - mos del Se - ñor,                      so - mos del Se - ñor.  
we be - long to God,                      we be - long to God.

*Coda (Solamente la última vez)*

Bm                      Em                      A7                      D

So - mos del Se - ñor,                      so - mos del Se - ñor.  
We be - long to God,                      we be - long to God.

# Thuma Mina

(Send Me, Jesus)

Leader: Thu - ma mi - na.

All: 1. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma  
 (2. Send me,) Je - sus, send me,  
 (3. Lead me,) Je - sus, lead me,  
 (4. Fill me,) Je - sus, fill me,

mi - na, thu - ma mi - na so - man -  
 Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,  
 Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,  
 Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

(Leader:) 2. Send me, Lord.  
 3. Lead me, Lord.  
 4. Fill me, Lord.

(All:) dla. Lord. Lord.  
 2. Send me,  
 3. Lead me,  
 4. Fill me, Lord

WORDS: South African text  
 MUSIC: South African melody

THUMA MINA  
 arr.