



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



August 2, 2026

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

George Manoogian

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

‘Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah’

No. 622

CALL TO GATHERING¹ *(Inspired By Psalm 17)*

Leader: The Holy One wondrously demonstrates steadfast love. Seek refuge at God’s right hand.

ALL: Let God’s love meet us and flow through us.

Leader: The Holy One attentively hears the just cause. Seek justice and righteousness for God’s name sake.

ALL: Let us be steady and vigilant for the kin-dom of God.

Leader: The Holy One faithfully vindicates our lives. Seek the path God paves for us.

ALL: Let us worship, honor and praise the God who delivers, redeems, and restores. Praise the Holy One!

OPENING PRAYER¹

***HYMN**

‘I Want Jesus to Walk with Me’

No. 627

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹**

ALL: Holy One, we strive to be your people and reflect your goodness in the world. Yet, the way of wickedness is not far from us, and we have not passed every test. Fortify us in your word and drench us with your compassion so that we may find the courage to repent and repair. Help us acknowledge the harm we have allowed and the pain we have caused.

Empower us to make things right with our neighbors and with ourselves. Let your grace and mercy liberate us to be agents of reconciliation and restoration in our families, communities, and world. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE¹**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

‘Lead On, O King Eternal’ (vs. 3)

No. 632

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob wrestles with God

²² Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River's shallow water. ²³ He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. ²⁴ But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. ²⁵ When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me."

²⁷ He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel,^[a] because you struggled with God and with men and won."

²⁹ Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name."

But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he blessed Jacob there. ³⁰ Jacob named the place Peniel,^[b] "because I've seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved." ³¹ The sun rose as Jacob passed Penuel, limping because of his thigh.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY¹

OFFERTORY

'Be Still And Know That I Am God'

(Bell)

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'Give Thanks'

No. 528

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 received in the pews, using the pre-packaged elements of bread and juice that you received when you entered the sanctuary.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Communion today will be shared in the pews. Please wait to consume each element until prompted by Pastor Jeff so that all may partake in communion together in the same moment as one

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

ALL: God of blessing, Thank you for meeting us at this table. You have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of grace, reminding us that no one leaves your presence unchanged.

As we go into the world, make us bearers of your peace. Open our eyes to our neighbors, steady our steps in the work of justice, and give us courage to love with generous hearts.

May the hope we have shared at this table become hope we carry into our homes, our community, and the world. Amen.

***HYMN**

‘Leaning On The Everlasting Arms’

No. 560

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

‘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

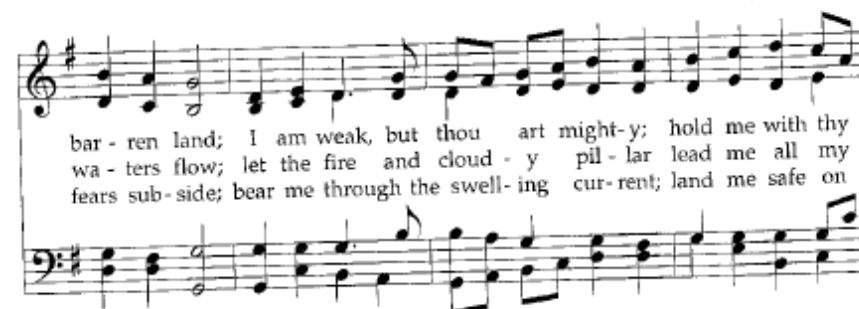
Dani Kardisco, Faith Formation Director

¹**Drink: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Year A** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

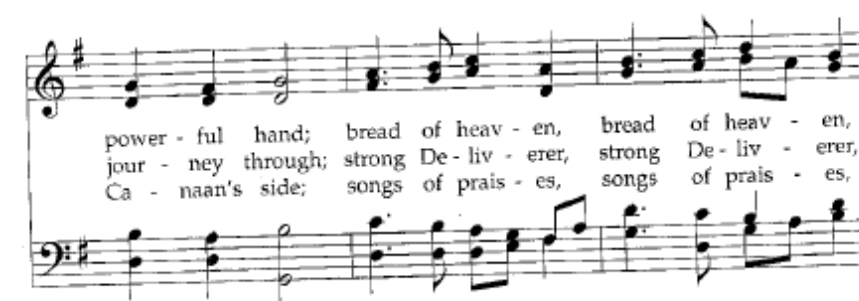
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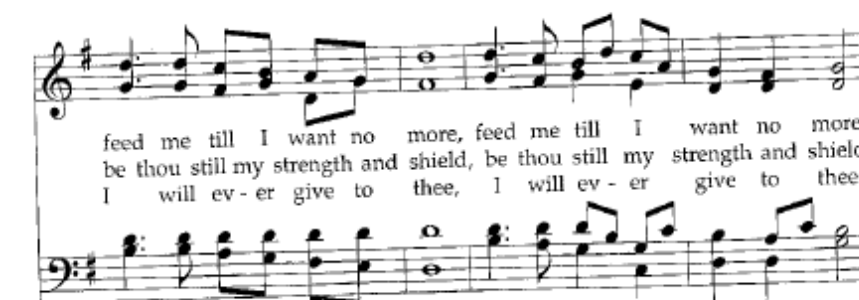
1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent; land me safe on



power - ful hand; bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; tr. Peter Williams and the author, 1771
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Capo 3: Play *Unison* Am E7 Am E7 Am Em

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me.
 3. When I'm trou - bled, Lord, walk with me.

Am C G7 C E7 Am

I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me.
 When I'm trou - bled, Lord, walk with me.

E7 Am B min7⁵ G7 Am

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 When my heart is al - most break - ing,
 When my head is bowed in sor - row,

F#dim G7 Am Dm7 Am E7 Am Dm Am

O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

WORDS: African-American spiritual
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981

SOJOURNER
 888.9

Lead On, O King Eternal

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con-quest thy tents shall be our home;
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums;
 thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour-ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy, the heaven - ly king-dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con-quest; lead on, O God of might.

WORDS: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835

LANCASHIRE
 76.76D

Give Thanks

528

Unison $\frac{8}{8}$

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give

thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ his Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the

poor say "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us And us. Give us. Give thanks!

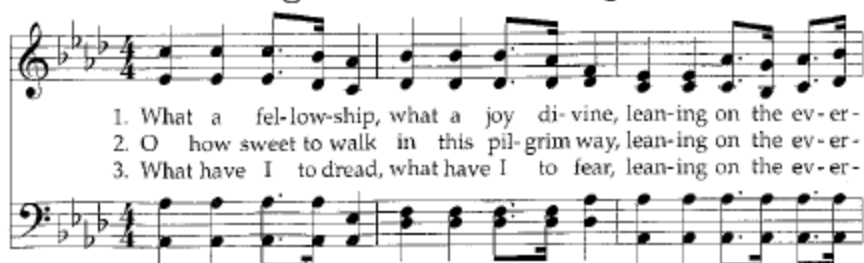
WORDS and MUSIC: Henry Smith, 1978

GIVE THANKS
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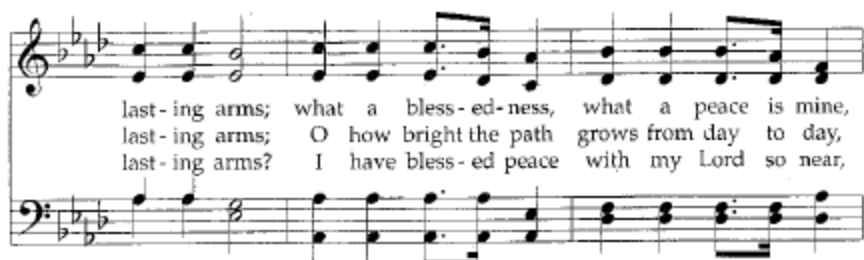
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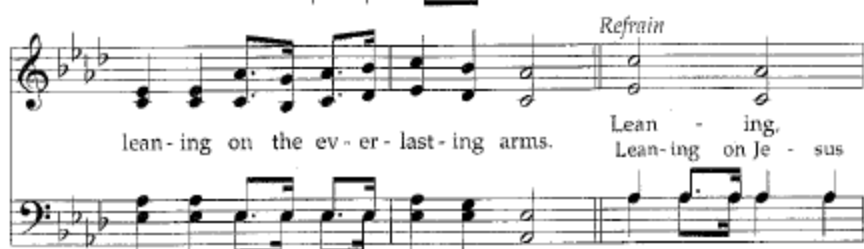
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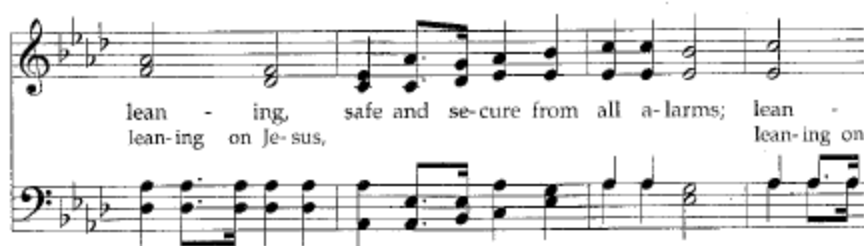
1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-



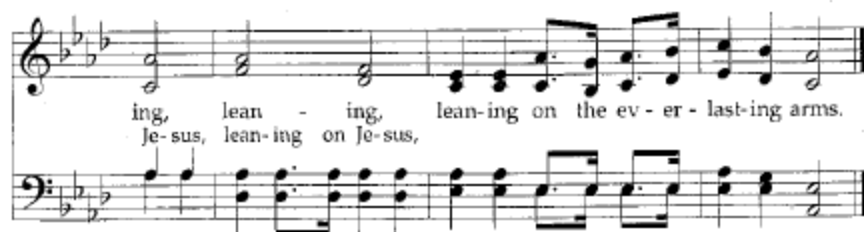
last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. *Refrain* Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus



lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,



ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER
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