



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



August 16, 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

Matt Howard

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'Christians, We Have Met To Worship'

No. 277

CALL TO GATHERING

Leader: Come and worship, all you who love and serve God,

ALL: outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers,

Leader: the young, the old, and the in-between,

ALL: Come as you are!

Leader: Come as you are for this is God's house - a house of prayer for all people,

ALL: and God welcomes each one who comes.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN**

'Be Thou My Vision'

No. 595

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

ALL: Merciful God - we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples, we too sometimes lose patience with people who need our help and support. Like the disciples, we find ourselves wishing that they would just go away and leave us in peace.

In Your mercy, forgive us. Remind us again of the deep love You showed toward us when we were still in need - a love so deep that you came to live among us and live life like we live life.

Show us how to love others as You have loved us. Teach us Your compassion, so that we may be Your hands and feet to those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

'Live In Charity' (twice)

No. 523

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:10-28

Things That Defile

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."
¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. ¹⁵ And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁶ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁷ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁸ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer?" ¹⁹ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ²⁰ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²¹ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Sylvia Berry

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 GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'Steal Away' (vs. 1) No. 644

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

***HYMN** 'O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing' No. 5

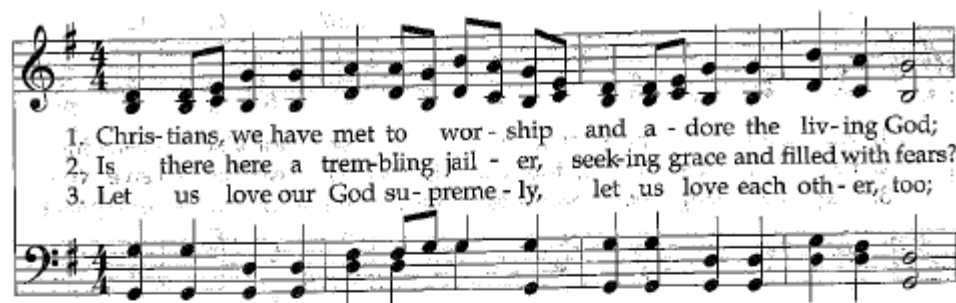
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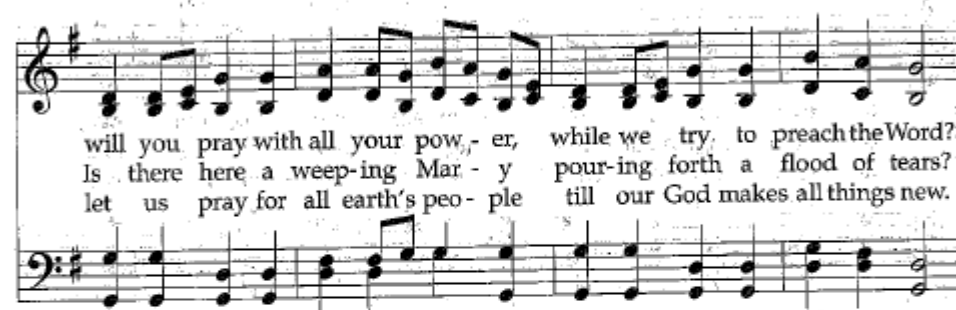
Participating In Todays Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Sylvia Berry, Guest Musician
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter
Dani Kardisco, Faith Formation Director

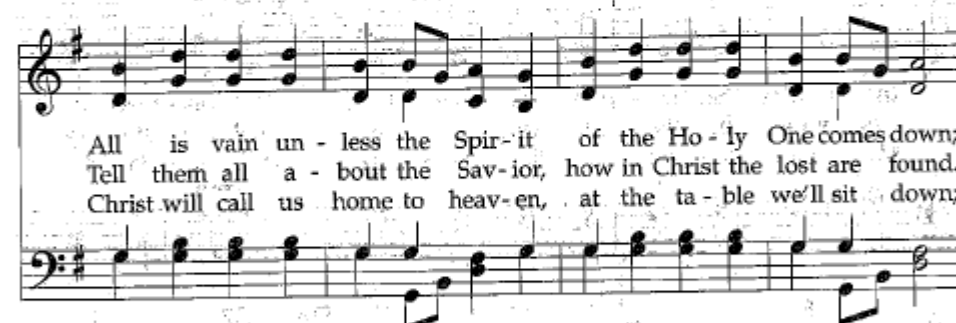
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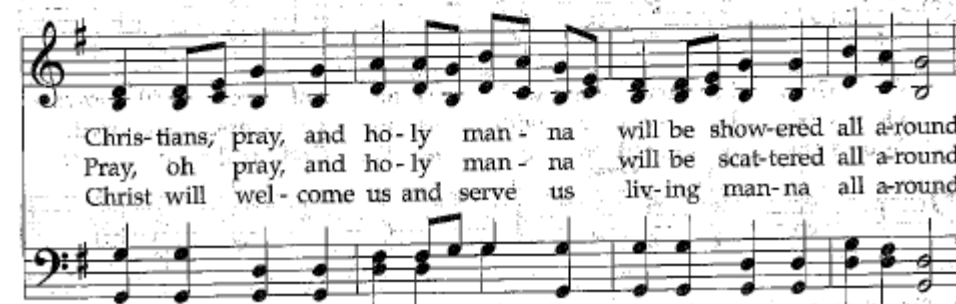
1. Chris-tians, we have met to wor-ship and a-dore the liv-ing God;
 2. Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 3. Let us love our God su-preme-ly, let us love each oth-er, too;



will you pray with all your pow-er, while we try to preach the Word?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar-y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 let us pray for all earth's peo-ple till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un-less the Spir-it of the Ho-ly One comes down;
 Tell them all a-bout the Sav-ior, how in Christ the lost are found.
 Christ will call us home to heav-en, at the ta-ble we'll sit down;



Chris-tians, pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, oh pray, and ho-ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will wel-come us and serve us liv-ing man-na all a-round.

WORDS: Attr. George Atkins (19th century); alt.
 MUSIC: William Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

HOLY MANNA
 87.87D

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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Live in Charity

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Chords: F, C, Dm, B $\flat$, D, G, C

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

Chords: F, C, Dm, Gm, C (triple), F

live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

WORDS: Latin (9th century); tr. Taizé Community
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (20th century)

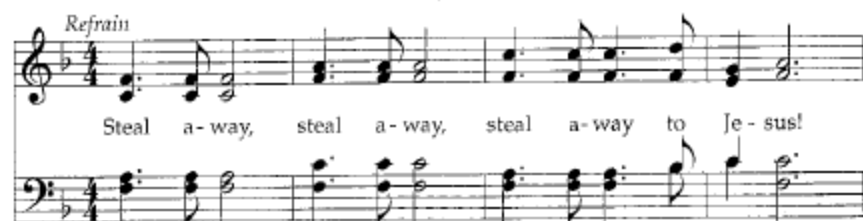
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Steal Away to Jesus!

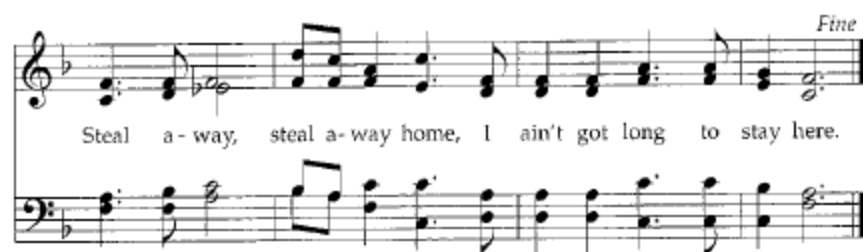
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Refrain

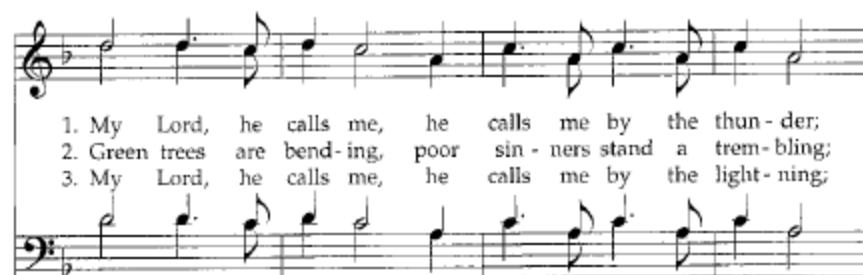


Steal a-way, steal a-way, steal a-way to Je-sus!

Fine



Steal a-way, steal a-way home, I ain't got long to stay here.



1. My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thun-der;
2. Green trees are bend-ing, poor sin-ners stand a trem-bling;
3. My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the light-ning;



the trum-pet sounds with-in my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

STEAL AWAY
57.87 w. refrain

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
 3. My lov-ing Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 4. Glo-ry to God and praise and love be ev-er, ev-er given



the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
 by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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