



# Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

9:55 a.m.      Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost      Sept. 5, 2010

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP      “O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path....”      Psalm 139:1-3a

RINGING OF THE CHIMES      Philip Jones,  
Director of Music

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS      Rev. Patricia Hayes

\*HYMN      ‘O God of Vision’      No. 288

INTROIT      ‘In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him’  
Music by F.J.Haydn

<p><i>From the first bright light of morning, To the last warm glow of dusk; Ev’ry breath we take is sacred, For it is God’s gift to us.</i></p>	<p><i>In the season of our plenty, In the season of our need; We will find his grace sufficient, We will find his love complete.</i></p>
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<p>Refrain <i>In thanksgiving, let us praise him; In thanksgiving, let us sing Songs of praise and adoration To our gracious Lord, and King.</i></p>	<p><i>Safe within his hand that guides us, Hidden in his healing wings; Day by day his love provides us Ev’ry good and perfect thing.</i></p>
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Words by Claire Cloninger

CALL TO RECONCILIATION      Rev. Kristy Coburn

\*Asterisk indicates all who are able may stand.  
**Bold print indicates congregational response.**

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (unison)

**We can count our money and what we expect to do with what we consider ours and ours only. We can count our grievances and store them until they have aged into moldy grudges. We can count the faults of others with amazing speed. We can count our good qualities, sometimes with great facility.**

**God, we have used this wonderful gift of adding one thing to another in many different ways. But we confess that we have failed to count the cost of discipleship. We suppose that others – and you – ought to be grateful that we are here at all. We believe we have accrued a great deal of credit just by our presence in church activities. We loudly proclaim what we think is our due and expect everyone else to count that up for us.**

**All of this accounting is for nothing if we do not count the cost of our discipleship. Are we prepared to risk our reputation? Dare we put our wealth at risk for the gospel of Jesus Christ? Are we ready to go wherever God sends us, no matter what plans we have made for our lives? Are we able to walk the path of Jesus, carry our cross, live your will for our lives?**

**We want to say we are able. Create in us a pure heart. Mold our lives until this treasure you have put in clay jars is revealed to everyone. God, Potter, Shaper of humanity, True Light, these things we pray sincerely and honestly today. Amen.**

KYRIE

‘Lead Me Lord’

No. 593

*Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.*

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (please stand as you are able)

\*RECEIVING AND SHARING GOD’S LOVE

*(by handshake, embrace, or with hands folded)*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*GLORIA 'Glory to God' Peruvian  
collected by John Ballantine, adapted by P. Jones

Choir Congregation

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est Glo-ry to God,

6 Choir  
glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est To God be glo-ry for e - ver

11 Congregation All  
To God be glo - ry for e - ver Al - le - lu - ia a - men

14  
Al - le - lu - ia a - men Al - le - lu - ia a - men Al - le - lu - ia a - men.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 18:1-11

PSALM 139:1-6,13-18

SOLO 'Perfect Singer' music by Bela Bartok

*Perfect singer, songs of earth Sing a sacred melody  
Rise on every field and For the justice that shall be;  
hearth; Let our harmonies resolve  
Let our voices sound again Dissonance in steadfast love.  
Ancient songs of joy and pain.*

*Steadfast Savior, find our  
All your creatures strive for song  
life, Woven into lives made strong;  
Suffer hurt in angry strife, Let the patterns of surprise  
Seek compassion, find Kindle hope with each  
release sunrise.*

*In the covenant of peace.* Words by G.K. Beach

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

Preacher:

The Holy Gospel is read from the 14th chapter of Luke.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 14:25-33

THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Cost"

Rev. Patricia Hayes

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

'Spirit of the Living God'

No. 259

MORNING PRAYERS

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR      **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SOLO

*Now I will praise the Lord  
with all my heart.  
His praise continually shall  
be upon my lips.  
Alleluia.*

*My soul therefore shall be  
telling his praises,  
That the poor and needy  
harken with rejoicing,  
Alleluia*

*Praise ye with me, the Lord  
God,*

*And let us all together to his  
name lift our voices.  
Alleluia*

*For when I sought the Lord,  
he harkened to me,  
And delivered me from all my  
fear and dread.  
Alleluia*

*And helped me out of my  
distress.*

*Alleluia*

Words from Psalm 34 1-7

\*DOXOLOGY

'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow'

No. 47

*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*

(The children will join us from their program during the hymn)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN      'Now We come Before God's Presence' No. 410

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

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

It is indeed right to give you our thanks .....Therefore, with all who love and serve you in heaven and on earth, we raise our voices to sing:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (F major) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass clef staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

**System 1:**  
 Chords: C, G7, Am, F, G, C  
 Lyrics: San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

**System 2:**  
 Chords: F, G7, C, Am, F, G7, C  
 Lyrics: co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!  
 heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

#### BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE, SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Our communion table is open: all are welcome. Today we will receive by coming forward, taking the bread and dipping it in the non-alcoholic wine, and eating it. Then return to your seat by the side aisle. If you cannot come forward and wish to receive, please signal a Deacon, and we will come to you.

#### COMMUNION MUSIC 'Soul of My Savior' tune by William Maher

<i>Soul of my Savior, sanctify my breast;</i>	<i>hide and shelter me, So I shall never, never part from thee.</i>
<i>Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;</i>	<i>Guard and defend me from the foe malign;</i>
<i>Blood of my Savior, bathe me in thy tide,</i>	<i>In death's dread moments make me only thine;</i>
<i>Wash me with water, flowing from thy side.</i>	<i>Call me and bid me come to thee on high,</i>
<i>Strength and protection may thy passion be;</i>	<i>Where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.</i>
<i>O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;</i>	
<i>Deep in thy wounds, Lord,</i>	Words by Pope John XXII

### UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN 'Fill the World with Love' No. 467

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'For the Bread, Which You Have Broken' verse 3, No. 411

*In your service, Lord, defend us; help us to obey your word;*      *In the world to which you send us let your will be done, O Lord.*

Please be seated for the closing music

CLOSING MUSIC

The soloist today is Patty Crooker

Music Director – Philip Jones

Director of Christian Education – Emily Swisher Rosa

Minister of Pastoral Care – Rev. Kristy Coburn

Senior Minister – Rev. Patricia Hayes

Please join us for coffee and donuts following the service.

Welcome to all visitors – we hope you will come again!

### SERVING US TODAY

**Ushers:** Deacons

**Greeters:** Gini and John Hathaway

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Lucy Brown, Eleanor Chase, Maddox Chaves, Sally Cutting, Ann Dasey, Denise Duhamel, Greg Froio, Sr., Trish Hamilton, Sarah Hamilton, Jennifer Hefler, Brian Kangisser, Sissy Miller, Lee Ozelius, Geneva Prince, Miriam (Honey) Reynolds, Eric Rich, Christine Satcher, Carol Szydowski, Anna Thomas, Virginia Tibbetts, Lisa and Donny Westgate

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sun. 09/05**

9:55am Worship

**Mon. 09/06-Labor Day/  
Office Closed**

7:30pm Evening Prayer  
Service

**Tues. 09/07**

9:30am Crafts

11:00am Staff Meeting

3:30pm Mainspring Meal

7:00pm Deacons

**Wed. 09/08-Courier**

**Deadline**

10:00am Bible Study

6:30pm SWAT Bell Group

7:30pm Choir

**Thurs. 09/09**

6:00pm "Jamming & Jarring  
Social"

7:00pm Safe Church

7:00pm Growth Committee  
meeting

**Sat. 09/11**

5:00pm Choir/ Board of Music  
Cookout

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**WELCOME!**

**COMING EVENTS**

**Register for Sunday School!**

Registration for Sunday School will be held on Rally Day (first Sunday "back"), September 12th. This year the classes will be subdivided as follows: Nursery, Preschool/ K, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8. Those entering 9th grade will begin confirmation at a kick-off family event on Sunday, September 26. Do you know a young person who isn't in Sunday School? Perhaps you could invite them!

**Autumn Harvest Tea**

Tickets will be on sale today in Fellowship Hall for the 2nd Annual Harvest Tea, a benefit for The Table-St. Paul's Soup Kitchen, Saturday, October 2nd, 2-4:30 p.m. at Christ Church. Prices are \$15.00 per person, and reserved tables for parties of 6 are \$90.

**Board of Music Cookout**

All members of choirs (Junior/Senior/Handbells) and the Board of Music are invited to a cookout on Saturday, Sept. 11th from 5-9 p.m. at 127 Tilton Av., Brockton. Please let Philip know if you plan to attend. Spouse/families are welcome. If you can bring a dessert/salad please let Philip know, all other food and drinks will be supplied.

**Brockton Council on Aging**

The Brockton Council on Aging, located at 10 Father Kenney Way, is looking for volunteer drivers to drive seniors (who have no other means of transportation) to medical appointments both in the city and, on occasion, outside the city, perhaps to Boston. Mileage reimbursed. Call Janice Fitzgerald at 508-580-7811 for more information.