

Christ Congregational United Church of Christ

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Our Vision: A church that listens, praises God, inspires, and serves others.

June 20, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Preparation for Worship

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." Unknown



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)**

Leader: It's awesome when all of the people live together in unity!

**Many: When waters are rough,
We hold each other tightly.
When the sea begins to swallow us,
We hold each other tightly and call on God.**

L: But we also need God and each other when there are no looming waves.

**P: We can splash and play in the shallow end
And venture into deeper waters with trusted friends.
Delighting in refreshing currents of community
And savoring each burst of laughter,**

ALL: Let's invite others to join in the fun!

***HYMN: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (No. 31, NCH)**

Refrain

**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
Our dear God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
And made their tiny wings. [Refrain]**

**The purple-headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky. [Refrain]**

**The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. [Refrain]**

***THE COMMANDMENT OF JESUS (*John 15:5, 12*)**

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

PRAYER OF *INVOCATION* (Unison)

Ever-living God, you are like the sea: Powerful and endless, yet soothing and constant. Let us feel your refreshing presence as we gather near your waters to wade in the possibilities of life that you offer us this day.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 4:35-41

NRSV

Jesus Stills a Storm

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Do You Believe?”

Graham Bryan

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

FATHER’S DAY LITANY

Leader: Fathering God, we take time today to celebrate and give thanks for all those who have fathered us. For our own fathers who have given us life and rejoiced at our birth.

People: We thank you, fathering God.

Leader: For those men in our lives who have nurtured us and mentored us, who have played and worked with us, who have provided warmth and safety for us,

People: We thank you, fathering God.

Leader: For those men who are like a father to us, for grandfathers, uncles, cousins, friends, and neighbors,

People: We thank you, fathering God.

Leader: For men who were our forefathers and for current fathers who provide role models of what it means to father in compassionate, caring, and loving ways.

People: We thank you fathering God.

ALL: Bless these fathers in our lives. Grant them your continued presence and guidance. May we honor them with our lips, but even more so in living lives centered in your loving way. In the name of Christ, who called you Abba. Amen.

PRAYER SONG: “Spirit of the Living God” (No 283, NCH)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me: (2X)

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*Unison*)

We join our hearts together as we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION-Pastor

O God, you have offered unique gifts to each one of us.
Teach us to celebrate and share those gifts
so that we may create communities of graciousness and love.
Through Jesus, we are reminded of the difference
that an individual contribution can make.
Let us offer our gifts generously for the service of all.

MUSICAL OFFERING: “Grandma’s Quilt” Graham Bryan

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (*Unison*)

Bighearted God, we ask you to take these gifts, bless them, and use them to calm storms and create in our communities new, imaginative, and life-giving streams. Amen.

SERMON: “In the Boat Together ”

Pastor Candy

CLOSING HYMN: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (No.347 , NCH)

**1) Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain:

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2)Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.**

Refrain

**3) Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!**

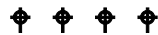
Refrain

COMMISSION -Pastor

We are the waters in which God swims! Through the currents, crashing waves, and depths of the unknown, a Holy Presence remains. May God continue charting new courses and ways of being in the world that unites creation in a collective call of “Peace! Be still!”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Welcome to Everyone!

Whoever or whatever brought you to our Sanctuary or our Facebook on-line worship service this morning, we believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in you joining us. We hope that you feel the Holy Spirit in our service of prayer and praise. At Christ Congregational Church we strive to love one another as God has loved us and welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us. Therefore, we are an Open and Affirming church, loving and welcoming all people in all of God’s variety; including racial, ethnic, and economic diversity, gender diversity and expression, sexual orientation, and physical and mental abilities.

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please let Pastor Candy know of any joys or concerns you would like lifted up in worship by notifying her by Sunday morning at 10 a.m. via her cell phone (925-640-92890, text or email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE GIVING - We invite you to use our online giving option as a quick, simple and secure method to make your pledges and any ancillary contributions. Clicking on the “Give Online Today” button at the bottom of this newsletter or going to our church website at christcongregationalucc.org and clicking “online giving” will bring you to the secured Moon Clerk site which will allow you to enter your credit card information.

The lovely altar flowers are given by Lorrie LeGrand in honor of the fathers in our lives and in memory of the fathers who have gone home to God.

THANKS TO GRAHAM BRYAN for sharing his gift of music today while Jay Harrigan is on vacation!

PRAYER LIST

Ted Hudson, Emmett Gainny, The Rev. David Christensen, Maria Saunders, Mirta Oramas, Michelle Simone, Joan Hansen, Margie Diaz, Magnus, Anita Smith, Linda Dalrymple, Barrett family, Sheryl Mattos, Maggie McDowell, Sonia Nunez, Amelia Canali, Wendy Olson, Roland Sibrie, Sonya Williams, Ava, Jeffrey Gordon, Jen Wood, Darius and Joy Reid, Jacquie Greene, and Duyen Le.

Michelle Simone, our Administrative Assistant continues to recuperate in the hospital. Cards may be sent to her home address:

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For Pastoral Care Needs, please call *Pastor Candy* at 925-640-9289 or you may call or leave a message at the Church Office, 305-235-9381

Special Congregational Meeting - Update

Thank you to the CCC members who participated in our special congregational meeting last Sunday. We had members in the sanctuary and on Zoom join us for a discussion with our real estate attorney, Mr. Joseph Colletti. There was a unanimous vote to move forward with the Property Planning Task Force's recommendation to create a sale agreement for the entire church property with a long-term (99-year) lease-back arrangement for the spaces that CCC will utilize.

This was a decision guided by the God in so many ways, as discussed at the meeting. We are thankful to be working with Mr. Colletti and want to also thank and recognize the Property Planning Task Force for their many hours of discussions, prayer and work on the property sale. Your task force members are Pastor Candy, Lorrie LeGrand, Julio Balcells, Daniel Best, Karen Kett, David William and Marilyn Pearson. Thank you also to Jon Beisenherz who recently stepped down from the task force.

Please continue to pray for Christ Congregational and we work through the next few weeks on formulating the contracts. The Congregation will be called to meet again once we have a final, negotiated contract with a buyer to present.

CALENDAR June 20 – June 27, 2021

Sun. June 20	10:30am	Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)
	11:45am	Property Task Force Meeting (Bring your Lunch) (Kelsey and Zoom)
Thurs. June 24	7:00pm	Youth program Zoom meeting with Rev. Aaron Lauer
Sun. June 27	10:30am	Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

Save the Date!

Thurs. July 1 at 6:30pm – CCC Women's Night Out
Casa Cuba Restaurant
5859 SW 73rd Street
South Miami, FL

- **RSVP by June 28th to Joan Chandler at email Bingo123@bellsouth.net or call/text at [305-608-3216](tel:305-608-3216).**
- **If you need a ride or wish to carpool, please let Joan Chandler know by 6/27**