

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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February 16, 2020 10:00 AM

We are delighted to have you in Worship today!

In our church, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, **you are welcome here!**

Please use the Fellowship Pad in the pew to:

- Greet your neighbors in the pew next to you
- Request a nametag, or if you would like to receive emails
- Request a pastoral call, a meal, or a need
- Leave your cell phone number for text updates



Prelude: "River Flows in You" by Yiruma Guest Pianist: Nathaniel DeYoung

Welcome and Announcements Invitation to Fellowship

*Congregational Introit #177 (vs. 1): "God of Change and Glory"

*Call To Worship (based on Psalm 29)

One: O lilies of the field, we of all colors and all varieties, God calls us to hear the Word.

All: We have been planted in faith, so we turn our faces to you, O God.

One: O people of the plains, the cities and the mountains, we of all colors, theologies and life choices, we are God's field. Come into God's sanctuary with joy!

All: You have cultivated us, O God.

Let us vine and blossom and bear the fruit of your integrity.

One: O we of mustard seeds and wheat, we of little faith and great, we come.

All: We come to the Living Waters, to the Sun of love and light. We will drink of your ways, O God, and we will sow your seeds.

One: O, all who are of the world, come and see what God has grown.

All: We come to worship you.

We stand in the sunshine of your living word.

We prosper in your paths, O God, as the lilies of your field.

*Prayer of Invocation & Confession

God of grace and majesty, we exalt you.

Creator of all living things, you live with us today, shining like the February sun, and promising tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.

May we see you in the brightness of the morning

streaming through these windows.

May we know you in the promise of today and today and today

– becoming, always becoming.

Righteous God, we confess with sorrow that we often forget

who has given us light, who has made our garden grow with waters of love.

We forget your living word and move off your paths

to serve our own worldly desires.

We leave your cultivated field to venture out into the wilderness on our own.

We quarrel with one another trying to decide "who is the greatest."

We make our own faces the benchmark for all faces.

Help us to remember Jesus, reconciling the whole world in himself.

Be with us now, as we offer you the silent confessions of our hearts...

... Moment for Silent Meditation...

*Assurance of Grace

Thank you for calling us back, for never giving up on us when we turn aside, for always loving us, even when we forget who we are and who you are. We know you, as the greatest Gardener of all, who has promised always to replant us in flourishing fields. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #25: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Children dismissed to Sunday School following the Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Bible Pg.163)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-26 (Bible Pg.786)

Testimony from Teen Challenge

*Hymn #563: "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"

Prayers

Celebrations and Concerns

Moment for Meditation and Reflection

The Lord's Prayer (*Please use the wording that is most meaningful for you*) 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.

The Offering

Invitation to Share

Offertory: "Fotografia" by Yiruma

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

These gifts are our fruit, O God of all fields. May God's promises be fulfilled through the harvest of God's garden in these our gifts. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #547: "Amazing Grace"

*Benediction

One: The Law of Moses says:

"You can have life or death. Which will you choose?"

All: We choose to grow.

One: The Law of Moses says: If you turn to your own ways, you will perish.

All: We choose God's ways.

One: The Law of Moses interpreted by Jesus says:

"Love God above all and love your neighbor as yourself."

All: We choose to walk that talk. Amen.

Postlude: "Berlin Song" by L.Einaudi

Upcoming Events for the Week of February 16th

Sunday, February 16th

BreakfastFellowship Hall9:00 AMWorshipSanctuary10:00 AMFellowship HourFellowship Hall11:00 AMYouth GroupMeeting Room11:30 AM

Tuesday, February 18th

Bible Study Fireplace Room 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 19th

Cabinet Meeting Room 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 20th

Food Pantry Lower Level 10:00 AM-1:00 PM BBA Meeting Meeting Room 6:00 PM

Saturday, February 22nd

Youth Lock-In Fellowship Hall 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 23rd

Sr. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary 8:00 AM
Jr. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary 9:30 AM
PJs & Poems Worship Sanctuary 10:00 AM
Fellowship Hour Fellowship Hall 11:00 AM



CSCC Deacons

Just an email away if you need a meal, a visit, spiritual care, etc.

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The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of Mildred, Stan, and Dale Hatch, given by Carol Daiker Howe.

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All the People!

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Need A Year-End Statement?: In the interest of saving paper and because many do not need one for tax purposes, year-end statements will not be printed for all givers. If you'd like a statement, please see Judy Pino in the Financial Office after church, leave a request in the treasurer's mailbox, or email treasurer@csccucc.com.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Mustard Seeds Prayer List of the People - Week of February 16th

All veterans and those who are serving in the military, especially, Peter Tyree, Paul Najarian, Devon Basler, Tim Kelso, Brandon Hull, Brett Carnathan, Darryl Sullivan, Christopher Bradshaw, Dominic Sorrentinie, Reed Bunyard, & Matthew Bui Affeld.

- Prayers of healing for Daniel Turner as he recovers from a broken hip. (2/9)
- Prayers for Mary Watson, friend of John Schuller. (2/9)
- Prayers of healing for Peter Zahr, who is recovering from a fall. (2/9)
- Prayers of celebration and concern for Laura Sorgman as she moves to Hawaii to begin working for Americorps. (2/9)
- Prayers of celebration for our congregation as a whole. (2/9)
- Prayers of celebration for Mary Barnsley on her long lasting friendship with Pat, who she met here at CSCC in 1984. (2/9)
- Prayers of health for Betty Buidorket, sister of Rich Sullivan. (2/3)
- Prayers for Tim, son of Lori Kelso, as he suffers from PTSD. (2/2)
- Prayers for Jack Melcher as he recovers from surgery. (2/2)
- Prayers for Donna, friend of Mary Barnsley, as she recovers from surgery. (2/2)
- Prayers for Joe as he undergoes knee replacement. (2/2)
- Prayers of celebration for Peter Glass on being honored as the highest ranking Boy Scout of all Scouts/Leaders. (2/2)
- Prayers for seniors (and all) struggling financially. (1/26)
- Prayers for Katherine Adams and her daughter Elizabeth Keyes on the loss of her eldest son (brother) in a snorkeling accident. (1/19)
- Prayers of health and healing for Bill O'Neil's cousin as he recovers from cancer surgery. (1/19)
- Prayers for Ted, friend of Sheri Turner, who is in critical condition from a burst blood vessel. (1/19)
- Prayers for the Hannach family. (1/12)
- Prayers for Barbara, friend of Kathleen Mosher, as she undergoes hip surgery. (1/12)
- Prayers for those affected by natural disasters. (1/12)
- Prayers for Eddie Carll, friend of Diane Glass, whose wife recently passed away. (1/12)
- Prayers of comfort for Mallory on the birth of her stillborn baby. (1/5)
- Continued prayers for Paul and Millie Christenson as treatment brings challenges along with it. (1/5)
- Continued prayers for Bill Hall as he recovers from cornea replacement surgery in one eye. (1/5)
- Continued prayers for Elliott and Marlene Jacobs and Elliott's dad, Al. (1/5)
- Prayers for Ann Turner as she continues to grieve the loss of her husband. (1/5)
- Prayers for the Turner family on the passing of their dog Brandy. (12/29)
- Continued prayers for the Schuller family. (12/29)
- Prayers for the Weinrebe family on the loss of Gloria's sister-in-law, and her friend's sister's passing. (12/15)
- Prayers for Kathleen Mosher as she plans to close her childcare business in June and relocate to western Mass. (12/15)
- Prayers of health and healing for Ashley Hoyt. (12/9)
- Prayers of health and healing for Gerry Bulman, mother-in-law of Rich Sullivan. (12/9)
- Prayers for Anna, Darlene Brown's daughter's mother-in-law, who is recovering from a fall in the hospital. (12/9)
- Prayers for Steven Funk, friend of Kathleen Mosher, on the sudden passing of his partner. (12/8)
- Prayers for Eileen and Jim Mayer as they recover from a fire. (11/17)
- Prayers for all battling cancer. (11/17)
- Prayers for the Struzik family on the passing of Tom's mother. (11/17)
- Prayers for Heather Ciaramitaro's sister. (11/10)
- Prayers for the Sikora family. (11/10)
- Prayers for Mauree Bundock on the death of her mother. (10/27)
- Prayers for all victims of violence. (10/24)
- Prayers for Nick Reis and his family as Nick recovers from motorcycle accident. (9/29)
- Continued prayers for Diane Sheibley's sister Cindy, who is battling health concerns. (9/22)
- Continued prayers of health and healing for Sara Terpeny's mother. (9/22)
- Prayers of healing for Nora and Nancy, friends of Rachel Lawson. (9/5)
- Prayers of fair treatment as our Lord would want for all detained immigrants. (7/14)
- Prayers for our environment. (6/30)
- Prayers for Keith, son of Mike & Mauree Bundock. (8/2)



Join us for a fine dining experience as we transform our Fellowship Hall into The Sugar Shack on March 21st, 2020 Seating begins at 6PM Reservations are required.

A Savory Start \$20 (Serves 4)

Tourtiere Meat Pies with Au Jus Smokey Maple, Cabot Cheddar Fondue Steamed Broccoli, Carrots, Crisp Apples & Crusty Sourdough

Maple Infused Entrees \$24

Maple Butter Roast Chicken ^{GF}
w/Mashed Potatoes ^{GF}
Pork Tenderloin with Maple Mustard ^{GF}
w/Maple Mashed Sweet Potatoes with Brown Butter ^{GF}
Roast Beef with Maple Merlot ^{GF}
w/Mashed Potatoes ^{GF}

All Entrées Include

Harvest Farro Salad with Maple Vinaigrette, Green Beans with Shallot ^{SF}, Parker House Rolls

A Sweet Finish \$5

Apple Pie with a Slice of Vermont Cheddar Pumpkin Mousse Trifle with Maple Whipped Cream Maple Sugar Espresso Flan ⁶⁵

Drinks \$2

Coffee, Tea, Cranberry Spritzer, Diet Coke Drink Refills are Free

Entrée choices MUST be made with reservation. Open Seating – Reserved seating for parties of 6 or more Central Square Congregational Church, 71 Central Square, Bridgewater MA 02324

> For Reservations or additional information Email Jessica Stearns at jessicastearns1231@gmail.com or Call the Church office at 508-697-6016

All Proceeds to benefit the 2020 Youth Service Mission Trip to Rutland Vermont. Your Full Service Wait Staff and Floor Managers will be members of this year's Mission Youth Team, supported by returning and future members of prior mission trips.

Thank You for supporting the "GREAT MISSION" work the CSCC Youth have been doing since the 1st Mission Supper on a snowy evening January 19, 2002 at Café Central Square. Enjoy!

Chef Basler and The Mission 2020 Team