



Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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*"We are a Christian community of people who are reaching out to our neighbors,
at home and abroad, sharing our faith and our resources."*

**March 29, 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!**

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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CSCC Staff

Ministers:

All the People!

Pastor:

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Rich Sullivan

April 5 - Palm Sunday Worship, 10am

(link will be available on the church website and the church's FaceBook page)

April 9 – Maundy Thursday Worship, 7pm

(link will be available on the church website and the church FaceBook page)

April 10 - Good Friday Music and Meditation with Julia Scott Carey & Rev. Beth, 3pm

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Prelude

"Ain't Got Time to Die"

by H Johnson

Welcoming Words and Announcements

Congregational Introit #490:

"I Want Jesus to Go with Me"

*I want Jesus to go with me;
I want Jesus to go with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
O I want Jesus to go with me.*

*In my trials, O comfort me;
in my trials, O comfort me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
O I want Jesus to comfort me.*

*When I'm in trouble, O stay with me;
When I'm in trouble, O stay with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
O I want Jesus to stay with me.*

Call to Worship:

Leader: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?
People: God knows
Leader: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?
People: God knows
Leader: The gift is sure and unmistakable:
People: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!
Leader: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,
People: And come to worship God!

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Compassionate God,
the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life for all who long for you.
One breath from you and we are rescued from the arid valley of dry bones,
given muscles and sinews and joy with which to praise you,
and filled with the holy hope you grant to all your faithful children.
Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit,
that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom,
and what looks to us to be death may be revealed as but sleep
before the emergence of new life.
O God, your power goes far beyond our own,
and yet still at times we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us.
We give in to despair and hopelessness,
not trusting in your ability to call forth new life in our lives.
Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life
in the midst of all the deaths we experience.
Forgive us for not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us.
Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.
Be with us as we offer you the silent confessions of our hearts...

Assurance of God's Grace

God unbinds us from the oppressive weight of our past and God pushes away the rocks that close us off from love. We are made free in the spirit of God and forgiven all our sins. Thanks be to God!

Musical Offering "Steal Away to Jesus" by P Keveren

Moment for All Ages

Musical Offering "Time" by H Zimmer

Hebrew Bible Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Psalm Reading: Psalm 130

Gloria Patri:

*Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without End! Amen. Amen.*

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Prayer Response "Steal Away" traditional spiritual

Benediction

Postlude "No Time to Die" by B O'Connell

*Do you need a meal, a call, spiritual care, or even just a prayer?
Contact the Pastor, a Deacon, or a member of our Care Team.*

(To contact Rev. Beth, call the church office at 508-697-6016 or email her at csccpastor@hotmail.com.)

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CSCC Care Team

Carol Chaffee

Diane Glass

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Bev Mitchell

John Scott

Rev. Beth Stotts

Nancy Winter



GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

During this time, we encourage you to continue your support of CSCC, to the degree you are able. We know this may be a trying time for you financially as well as emotionally, so please know that we understand if you are not able to meet your usual giving goals. But for those who can, remember the church has ongoing expenses that don't care that everything is shut down. And we are trying to do right by our staff as much as possible, even though our primary income mechanism is unavailable (Sunday offerings).

Offerings can be made in any of the following ways:

- * Checks can be mailed to the church
- * Bill-pay through your bank can be set up for one-time or recurring payments
- * Payments can be made via Paypal at the top of our website home page (www.csccucc.org, the "For CSCC" donate button)

If you have any questions, you can email the Treasurer directly and confidentially at treasurer@csccucc.com.