



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.”*

*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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**Order of Worship – November 22nd, 2020 – 10:00 AM
With Special Guest Cameron Shave, Trumpet Player & Composer**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *“We Gather Together”*

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

¹*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.*

²*Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.*

³*Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

⁴*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.*

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵*For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Opening Prayer

Wonderous God,

we raise to you our joyful noise: words of thanksgiving.

Rhythm-setter of tides and season,

from the depths of the waters to the heights of the land,

creation declares your greatness.

You dapple our days with sun and our nights with starlight.

We are grateful.

We ask for you to unceasingly flow your love and peace through the waters of our lives.

May your goodness transform us,

deepening our gratitude for the beauty around us,

the kindness among us.

Lead us, we pray, in blessing the lives of others,

so that all your world may have reason to rejoice.

God of all flesh, in our time today let us feel your presence, feel refreshed in you, renewed in you, and make us grow in you.

In our worship and in the whole of our lives, we praise you with thanksgiving, and with grateful hearts. Amen.

Musical Meditation:

“Old 100th”

Vaughan Williams

Reading: *“The Peace of Wild Things”* (Wendell Berry)

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children’s lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Musical Meditation: *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Moment for All Ages

God in our distant places
Draw us closer
God in family, friends, strangers and outcasts
Draw us closer
God in comfort, challenge, certainty and surprise
Draw us closer
God in appetites and satisfaction, motivation and ambition
Draw us closer
God within us at our best
Draw us closer
God within us at our worst
Draw us closer
God of food and fun
Draw us closer
God with us here, in our worship,
Draw us closer
To you and to each other.
Amen

Musical Meditation: *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

³¹*“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the*

king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Sermon

Musical Meditation *"Simple Gifts"*

Pastoral Prayer for Thanksgiving

Musical Meditation *"O God Our Help In Ages Past / The Solid Rock"*

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude



*Do you need a meal, a call, spiritual care, or even just a prayer?
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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).

As illustration, we are \$11,800 behind on pledges and offerings, compared to last year on this date. Offerings can be made in any of the following ways: * Checks can be mailed to the church (71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324) * Bill-pay through your bank can be set up for one-time or recurring payments * Payments can be made via the Paypal link at the top of our website home page (no Paypal account necessary) (www.cscucc.org, the "For CSCC" donate button) If you have any questions, you can email the Treasurer directly and confidentially at treasurer@cscucc.com.