



# 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!*

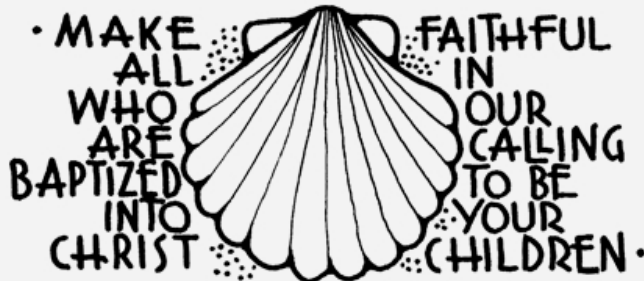
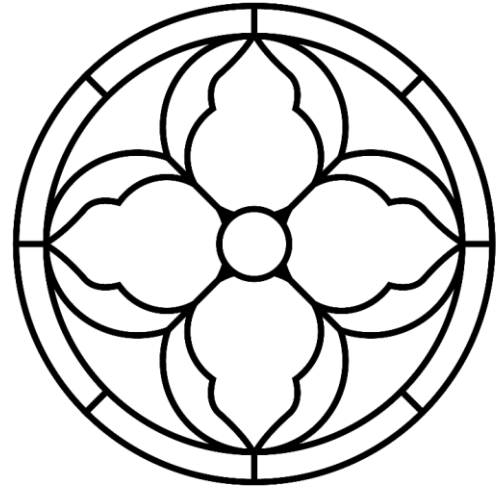
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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022**

**Musical Guest: Kelley Hollis, Soprano**

## CSCC Staff

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All the People!

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Send the waters down upon us.

You turned the desert into pools of water,  
the parched land into springs of water.  
Come to us, God.  
Create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
Come to us, God, and fill our longing.

**Opening Music:** Hymn #168 - “O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word”

**Moment for All Ages**

**Celebration of Baptism**

**Presentation of Candidate – Rowan Randall Phillipz**

**Statement of Purpose**

**Gift of Scripture: Mark 10:13-16**

*<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.*

**Profession of Faith/Promises/Vows**

**Congregation**

*Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Members of Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ? If so please say, we promise our love, support, and care.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water**

**The Ritual of Baptism**

**Lighting a Candle & Presentation of a Blanket**

**Declaration**

**Blessing**

**Musical Celebration:** “*Sing Praise to God*”

Lani Smith

**Hebrew Bible Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7**

*But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”*

**Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-22**

*<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added to them all by shutting up John in prison.*

*<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”*

**Sermon**

**Musical Meditation:** “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

Albert Malotte

**Prayer for All People**

**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, the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.*

**Closing Music:**                      *"We Shall Overcome"*                      Charles Tindley

**Benediction**

**Postlude:**                              *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*                      J. Rosamond Johnson

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*Do you need a meal, a call, spiritual care, or even just a prayer?  
Contact the Office, 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](mailto:csccpastor@hotmail.com).

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**\*Supporting Our Ministry\***

During this time, we encourage you to continue your support of CSCC, to the degree you are able. 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 ([www.cscucc.org](http://www.cscucc.org)).

If you have any questions, you can email the Treasurer directly and confidentially at [treasurer@cscucc.com](mailto:treasurer@cscucc.com) or call the church office at 508-697-6016.

## Announcements



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Monday, January 17th** - Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day

**Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m.** - Cabinet Meeting - **ZOOM ONLY** (*If you wish to attend this meeting, please contact the Church Office by 12:00 noon to receive a Zoom link. Regular Cabinet attendees will receive this link automatically.*)

**Sunday, January 30th** - Living Gift Market - Heifer International (*postponed; new date to be announced in the future*)

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022** - Women's Guild Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, February 6, 2022** - Communion Sunday

**Sunday, February 13, 2022** - Annual Meeting at 11:00 a.m. (*details to be announced soon*)

## COVID UPDATE

Dear Members and Friends of Central Square Church,

The number of COVID cases in our community during this Omicron flare up has surpassed the number of cases we endured a year ago, at the highest peak. Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending in-person worship on Sunday mornings *until further notice*.

Worship, as always, will be live-streamed via [Facebook Live](#) and [YouTube](#) as well as on BTV throughout the week. You can also access worship from our website: [www.cscucc.org](http://www.cscucc.org)

In the meantime, please reach out to the church office if you need anything; A meal, a prayer, someone to talk to... we're here for you. You can e-mail us at: [office@cscucc.com](mailto:office@cscucc.com) or call us at 508-697-6016.

In Christ,  
Rev. Beth, Staff and the Deacons