**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.

**Prayer Response** "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" Gary Lanier

#### **Service of Communion**

\*Communion Hymn #345 vs 1-3: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" Invitation

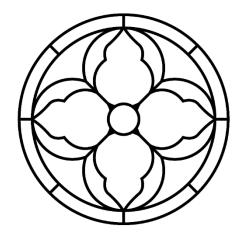
Institution and Prayer of Consecration
Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Communion at CSCCUCC is Open Table. All are welcome. The elements are gluten free and non-alcoholic.)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

\*Closing Hymn #198: "Lift High The Cross"

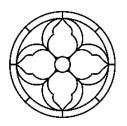
**Postlude** "Elegie" Francis Poulenc



# 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."





Sunday, March 5, 2023

Guest artist – Anne Howarth, French Horn

Please Note: This service is subject to change by the guidance of the Holy Spirit \* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

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**Prelude** "Jesus Paid it All"

**Gary Lanier** 

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Announcements and Invitation to Fellowship (If you are new or visiting, please include your address, phone number, and e-mail address when you sign the fellowship pad at the end of the pew so that we may properly welcome you to our community.)

Introit: "When There Are Nine"

Amy Dunker

Lenten Kyrie: "Kyrie elesion, Christe elesion, Kyrie elesion"

## \*Call to Worship

One: I lift my eyes up to the mountains,

from where does my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

One: We look not to the mountains or valleys,

even heaven or earth,

All: For God is found among us.

One: Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

All: God is here among us.

One: Come, let us worship the God of Creation,

The God of People, the God of Community.

All: Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way.

Let us worship together in faith.

### \*Prayer of Invocation for Lent

All-knowing and all-caring God,

we gather this day drained by another week.

We are like a parched desert,

empty and in need of replenishment.

Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit,

and bathe us in your streams of living water,

that our lives might acknowledge and worship you

to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Amen!

\*Opening Hymn #208: "God So Loved The World"

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17 p.863

**Hebrew Bible Reading:** Psalm 121 p.498

#### \*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.

**Anthem** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" P. Dream

Sermon

\*Hymn #200: "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

## **Prayers**

#### **Celebrations and Concerns**

(Conclude your prayer with the words "This is my prayer." Congregation responds, "This is our prayer".)

#### Moment for Meditation and Reflection

## "Let Your God Love You" by Edwina Gateley

Be silent. Be still. Alone.

Empty before your God.

Say nothing. Ask nothing.

Be silent. Be still.

Let your God look upon you.

That is all.

God knows. God understands.

God loves you with an enormous love,

And only wants to look upon you with that love.

Quiet. Still. Be.

Let your God—

Love you.

# Mustard Seeds Prayer List of the People For the week of March 5, 2023

Please note: Prayer requests should be submitted by calling the Church Office at: (508) 697-6016 or by e-mail to: <a href="mailto:office@csccucc.com">office@csccucc.com</a>.

- Prayers of healing for Gloria Weinrebe who recently had a fall. (3/2)
- Prayers for Mary Barnsley's friend's family, whose mother, Robin, is losing her battle with brain cancer. (2/26)
- Continued prayers for Diane & Peter Glass' great nephew Ben, who suffers with mental health issues, and his family. Ben has finally been placed in a mental health facility. (2/26)
- Prayers of celebration for Natalie Mosher, who was accepted into a Masters of Education program in Oregon. (2/26)
- Continued prayers of healing and strength for the family of Doug Anderson, formerly of the Bridgewater area and now living in Wisconsin. His grandson, James, continues to battle metastatic cancer. (2/24)
- Prayers of healing and health for our dear Food Pantry worker Pat Conn (2/21)
- Prayers for the family of Ian Johnstone as they grieve his death. (2/21)
- Prayers of healing for Lynn Pietras who fell last Wednesday while working at the Thrift Shop and broke her wrist. (2/19)
- John Schuller reported that Lin is now living in a memory care unit, and they are both very appreciative for all who have sent cards, visited, and expressed their support. (2/19)
- Prayers for Barbara Morey and Annie Blanchard, and their family, on the loss of their brother, following diagnosis of multiple cancers and a stroke. (2/12)
- Prayers for all those in Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquake. (2/12)
- Prayers for our friend John who has not been well. (2/12)
- Continued prayers for Tami Kurahara, who has had her surgery and is doing well, and who deeply appreciates all the prayers and good thoughts. (2/12)
- Prayers for all those affected by the opiod crisis, and specifically for Ellen Crawford's co-worker, who recently lost her brother. (2/12)
- Prayers for Denise Molinari's neighbor, Ed, and his family. Ed has been battling cancer and was recently put on hospice. (2/12)
- Continued prayers for Mark Sorgman's brother, Todd, who is doing well following his stroke and is recovering at home. (1/29)

- Prayers for Norm Sorgman as he continues to recover from heart surgery. (1/15)
- Prayers for those who are victims of racial prejudice, and endure verbal attacks because of it, and specifically for Natalie Mosher's girlfriend, Jiseon. (1/8)
- Prayers of comfort and strength for Jenne Foronjy and her sisters as they come to terms with the profound loss of their mother, together with the ongoing struggles of their individual situations. (12/13)
- Prayers of health, healing, and courage for Judy Balzarini, friend of Kathleen Mosher, as she fights cancer. (12/11)
- Prayers of strength and recovery for Bob and Michelle, friends of Bill O'Neil, who both suffer from substance abuse. (12/11)
- Prayers for Bette DeKoning's brother and sister-in-law, who have both experienced serious heart issues recently. (12/11)
- Prayers for Kimberly Davis who is recovering from surgery. (11/17)
- Continued prayers of healing and support for Mike Bundock as he continues his treatment for brain cancer. (11/6)
- Prayers of understanding and acceptance for the family of Natalie Mosher's girlfriend, Jiseon. They have not been accepting of who she is and her relationship with Natalie. Prayers of love as well for Natalie and Jiseon.
- Prayers for Bonnie, friend of Steve Boudreau, who is struggling with stomach cancer and not doing well. (10/23)
- Prayers for members of Gloria Weinrebe's family who have experienced the passing of a family member; whose son was in a motorcycle accident; whose daughter-in-law has medical concerns that are keeping her from working; and for other family members facing medical issues. (9/25)
- Prayers for Gordon Brailsford's sister-in-law Ellie who suffered a stroke. (9/25)

Continued prayers for all veterans and those serving on active duty in the military both in the United States and abroad.



Monday, March 6 Food Pantry open 6 – 7:30pm Wednesday, March 8 Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 8 Trustees meeting 7pm

(Fireplace Room)

Wednesday, March 8 BSU Choir Rehearsal 7pm

(Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 9 Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm
Saturday, March 11 Kitchen/Closet Clean Out 9am-3pm

(Kitchen, Fireplace Room)

Saturday, March 11 Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 12 Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am

(Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 12 Worship 10am

(Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 12 Feminist Women of Faith 11am

(Fireplace Room)

The church office will be open Tuesday – Thursday from 9am-1pm, and by appointment on Friday, March 10. Please call 508-697-6016 to make an appointment or to speak with Rev. Beth. You can also contact Rev. Beth by email at csccpastor@hotmail.com.



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