\*Closing Hymn: "God Cherishes You" (see insert)

\*Benediction

**Postlude:** "This Is Me" Benj Pasek



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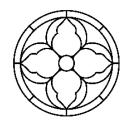
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## **Central Square Congregational Church, UCC**

71 Central Square, Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02324

"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, June 25, 2023

Guest Artist James Dargan Composer and baritone Please Note: This service is subject to change by the guidance of the Holy Spirit

\* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

**Prelude:** "Affirmation" Jose' Feliciano

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Announcements and Invitation to Fellowship** 

**Introit:** "Love is Love" Abbie Betinis

(Congregation's part is in insert)

#### \*Call to Worship (based on The Summons and Matthew 10:24-39)

One: Christ calls us this day and every day to a journey of discipleship that radically transform our lives.

All: We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say "yes".

One: Christ calls us to a journey of "follow-ship" that will challenge us as it challenged Jesus to live the truth of his identity. It is not easy to let Christ's love be shown in the face of adversity or hostility and yet,

All: We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say "yes".

One: Christ calls us to a journey of discipleship that may bring us into direct conflict with those we know and love, even the members of our own family but still,

All: We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say "yes".

One: Christ calls us to a journey of "follow-ship" that offers life without fear, a life that transcends our earthly existence, eternally bound in the love and shelter of our Creator, and

All: We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say "yes".

One: Christ calls us to a journey of discipleship will call us out of the shadows and compel us to share the message of God's Kin-dom for all, proclaiming what we have learned at our teacher's feet and in the company of like-minded students and,

All: We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say "yes".

One: Christ calls us this day and every day to a journey that will radically transform us and the world. Christ blesses us so that we do not have to travel alone, but with all others who hear their name and say "yes."

All: Let us continue the journey as we worship the One who calls us in spirit and truth!

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: "Preach, Women, Preach" (see insert)

**Moment for All Ages** 

Scripture Reading:Psalm 86p.473Gospel Reading:Matthew 10:24-39p.790

\*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.

#### **Prayer For Transformation & New Life**

**Words of Grace** 

**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.

Musical Offering: "Promise" Tracy Chapman (arranged by James Dargan)

Sermon

\*Hymn #43: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**Prayers** 

#### **Celebrations and Concerns**

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

**Prayer for Pride Sunday** 

#### **Invitation to Generosity**

**Reflecting on our Gifts** 

**Offertory:** "I Choose Love" Mark A. Miller

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God for all that Love has done Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication** (from "Offering Song," words by Rev. Ann Jefferson)

## Mustard Seeds Prayer List of the People For the week of June 25, 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 for Mindi and Marci's mother, Patricia Grace Langevin, and for the whole family. She has pneumonia and other medical complications, and seek healing, answers, and solutions to her recovery. (6/19)
- John Sharland celebrated that he attended the annual SNEUCC Conference meeting, and prays that next year others will be interested in attending. (6/18)
- David Hanson celebrated that he had his son, Lukas, in worship with him on Sunday, for Father's Day. (6/18)
- Continued prayers for Bob Hanson who was in a car accident and injured his pelvis, and is now recovering in rehab. (6/18)
- Prayers for family and friends of Clyde Campbell and Jose Aguilar, as they both passed away last week.
- Prayers for Mel Lambert whose husband recently passed away. (6/11)
- Prayers for Terry Reynolds' family as they celebrate the life of her brother next weekend. (6/11)
- Prayers and celebration for Rev. Beth and Jae as they make life transitions. (6/11)
- Prayers of comfort for Darnell and Beverly. (6/11)
- Prayers for healing for Diane Sheibley who broke her ankle and recently had surgery on it. (6/11)
- Prayers for Lisa Mackay's husband, Bob, who is in the hospital. (5/28)
- Prayers for Ginnie Howell for health issues. (5/28)
- Continued prayers of healing for Diane Sheibley's friend, Bob, who recently had a stroke. (5/28)
- Continued prayers of healing for Marge Doniger, as she is at LifeCare in West Bridgewater. Cards and visitors are most welcome. (5/28)
- Prayers for Sandy Kuipers and her family, as they mourn the loss of her brother. (5/21)
- Prayers for Marci Langevin's neighbor whose cat is missing. (5/21)
- Prayers of health and healing for Kay Wheeler as she navigates through two cataract surgeries. (5/7)
- Continued prayers for Norm Sorgman, Mark Sorgman's father, as he continues to recover from heart surgery, and for his partner Liz Longdon who recently had a stroke. Prayers for their healing, and for finding a solution that works for both of them to be able to continue living independently. (4/30)
- Prayers for Doug and Vale Sime, whose daughter recently had open heart surgery and is now on the road to recovery. (4/23)
- Prayers also of healing to Larry Brown's mother, who recently fell and suffered a small fracture in her neck. (4/23)
- Prayers for Jamie Wells' friend Jessica, who is about to undergo her 8th or 9th colitis surgery this week. (4/23)

- Prayers for Mark, the husband of Rev. Dr. Mary Lou Gifford, who struggles every day with Parkinson's. (4/16)
- Prayers of celebration, and continued prayers of healing, for Nic & Aiden Cannizzo's grandfather who is home and doing outpatient rehab. (4/2)
- Prayers for Gordon Brailsford's brother, Russell, who is in the hospital with a blood condition. (4/2)
- Prayers of healing for Savannah Wells' dance teacher's son, Tom. (4/2)
- 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 with surgeries and chemo, and has much more ahead. (3/26)
- Continued prayers for Diane & Peter Glass' great nephew Ben, who is doing well at his mental health facility. (3/26)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp and her family, as her father has recently been diagnosed with dementia. (3/19)
- Prayers of health and healing for Frank Ciaramitaro's mother, who is recovering from surgery. (3/5)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp and her family, as her oldest struggles with mental health issues. (3/5)
- Prayers for all those affected by the opioid crisis, and specifically for Ellen Crawford's co-worker, who recently lost her brother. (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 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 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)
- Continued prayers of healing and support for Mike Bundock as he continues his treatment for brain cancer. (11/6)
- 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)

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



## Preach. Women, Preach

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#### Ralph Vaughan Williams



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## **God Cherishes You**



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Tuesday, June 27 Crafters meet 2 – 4pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, June 28 Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, June 29 Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm

(Church Street Entrance)

Sunday, July 2 Worship 10am

(Sanctuary and online)

Tuesday, July 4 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade (Ride the church float!)

(Meet Jane O'Connell at Harrington Hall @9am)

(Please note, our Thrift Shop will be closed from July 1 – July 15th)

## Please donate to our ministries!



## Do you need a visit? A meal? Someone to pray with?

Contact Rev. Beth, a Deacon or a member of the Care Team.

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