

Welcome to our Guest Preacher!

Rev. Dr. Mary Louise Gifford retired from full-time ministry at the First Congregational Church of Randolph, UCC in December 2020. She currently serves as the Moderator of the Board of Directors of the Pilgrim Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ.

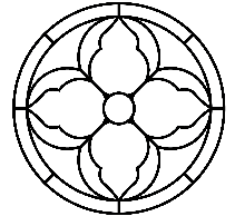
Dr. Gifford holds Masters' Degrees in both Psychology and Theology, and earned her Doctorate in Ministerial Leadership (2008) from Andover Newton Theological School. She has been leading congregations and supervising seminarians for over twenty years. She lives in Weymouth with her husband Mark. They have three grown children and three grandchildren. She loves art, and painting is her hobby.



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, July 23, 2023

Please Note: This service is subject to change by the guidance of the Holy Spirit

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

*Call to Worship

One: We gather, God of the Journey, a people from different places,
Different histories, different ways of living in the world.

All: We gather hoping to find companionship for the journey,
Solidarity for the struggle.

One: We gather, seeking to become welcoming of all.

All: We yearn, God of all creation, for a new way of living and
relating...as neighbors, not strangers, as united siblings not
'them and us.'

One: We yearn to live fully celebrating both the diversity of our
human family, and the unity of our call to love and justice.

All: We hunger, God of Abundant Life, for lives that have meaning
and integrity, and for relationships grounded in mutuality and
respect.

One: We thirst for places to bring our doubts, our fears;
places to express honestly who we are.

All: We thirst for hope and encouragement
as we struggle to follow Jesus in the way of life-risking love.

One: With the gift of your grace, we are nourished.

All: With the promise of your presence may we be strengthened
to be faithful

One: Let us join our hearts in prayer...

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn #: (Congregation's Choice)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Words of Grace

*Gloria Patri

Scripture Reading

Musical Offering

Sermon "Be Still" Rev. Dr. Mary Louise Gifford

*Hymn: (Congregation's Choice)

Prayers

Celebrations and Concerns

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

Moment for Meditation, Reflection, & 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

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

*Closing Hymn (Congregation's Choice)

Benediction

Postlude

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of July 23, 2023

Please note: Prayer requests should be submitted by calling the Church Office at: (508) 697-6016 or by e-mail to: office@cscucc.com.

- We celebrate with Jill (Chaffee), Andrew and Amelia Kennett and Grandparents Philip and Carol Chaffee in the birth of Ava Grace Kennett, who was born June 28, 2023. (7/13)
- Prayers for Mary Barnsley's son, Matt and her daughter-in-law Lexi, as well as their daughter who is due to be born in October, who has some serious heart complications and will need surgery upon her arrival. (7/2)
- Prayers for Elaine Henricksen who has moved to be closer to her daughter in central Massachusetts. (6/25)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp's boss who has several issues with her body. (6/25)
- Prayers for Marjorie Doniger, Virginia Howell, and Sally Burke, who are all at Life Care Center in West Bridgewater. (6/25)
- Prayers for Natalie Mosher as she starts grad school. (6/25)
- Prayers for Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson at the General Synod of the UCC, for all women preachers, and that all churches who don't allow women preachers will have a change of heart. (6/25)
- Continued prayers for Bob Hanson who was in a car accident and injured his pelvis, and is doing well and recovering in rehab at West Acres. (6/25)
- 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)
- Prayers for family and friends of Clyde Campbell and Jose Aguilar, as they both passed away last week. (6/19)
- Prayers for Mel Lambert whose husband recently passed away. (6/11)
- Prayers of comfort for Darnell and Beverly. (6/11)
- Continued prayers of healing for Diane Sheibley's friend, Bob, who recently had a stroke. (5/28)
- Prayers for Marci Langevin's neighbor whose cat is missing. (5/21)
- Prayers for Doug and Vale Sime, whose daughter recently had open heart surgery and is now on the road to recovery. (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)
- 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.



DATES TO REMEMBER



Tuesday, July 25	Crafters meet 2 - 4pm (Fireplace Room)
Wednesday, July 26	Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, July 27	Food Pantry open 10am-1pm (Church Street entrance)
Saturday, July 29	Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, July 30	Worship 10am (Sanctuary and Online)

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

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or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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The church office is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9am to 1 pm this week. To make an appointment with Rev. Beth please email her at csccpastor@hotmail.com. Please note Rev. Beth is on vacation from July 11 – 25