



# 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!*

Please use the Fellowship Pad in the pew to:

- Greet your neighbors in the pew next to you
- Request a nametag, or if you would like to receive emails.
- Request a pastoral call
- Leave your cell phone number for text updates

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All the People!

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## Order of Worship - January 19, 2020 - 10:00 AM

### Processional:

*“We Shall Overcome”*

by J. Mercer

### Welcome and Announcements

### Invitation to Fellowship

**Congregational Introit #177 (vs. 1):** *“God of Change and Glory”*

### \*Call to Worship (from Psalm 40:1-3)

One: I put all my hope in the Lord,

**All: God leans near to me, listens to my cry for help.**

One: God lifts me from the pit of fear and death,

**All: God sets me on solid ground and steadies me.**

One: The Lord puts a new song in our mouths,

**All: A song of praise!**

One: When people hear of this, they will be amazed,  
And they will trust in our God.

### \*Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence.

Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom,  
that we may know how to live as your people.

Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people  
with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace.

May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn #604:**     *“Hush, Hush, Somebody’s Calling My Name”*

### **Prayer of Brokenness**

God of Hope, at times all we feel is hopelessness. We have waited so long for justice. We have worked so hard and it seems for nothing. The world seems to get worse, as more people struggle to make ends meet, as more people become homeless, as violence rages around us. Burn the flame in us, O God, of hope. Be the light that cannot be hidden. Remind us that we are not alone, and others can help our light to shine. Call upon us to lean on one another during trying times. May we remember each other in prayer, and may we seek prayer from others. May we encourage and lift up one another, and call upon others for help. May we be renewed in spirit, O God, and look to Jesus Christ, the perfecter of our faith, who lived as one of us, died as one of us, but lives again so that all may have eternal love and life. It is in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

### **Assurance of God’s Grace**

**Anthem:**                     *“I Dream a World by A Thomas”*  
**Gospel Reading:**         Mark 1:40-45                     (Bible Pg.813)  
**Sermon:**                     *“Jesus’ Hands”*                     Audra Teague Mackey  
**Scripture Reading:**     Micah 6:1-8                     (Bible Pg.757)

### **Litany for Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday**

One: God of the prophets, God of justice, we call upon You today in our distress;  
**All: We weep for the violence in our world.**  
One: We cry out for the children locked in cages;  
**All: We lament that our neighbors sleep outside on the street.**  
One: We raise our voices against the violence of antisemitism and Islamophobia;  
**All: We are fed up, O God, with the injustice and hatred spewed in Your name.**  
One: We demand our elected officials take seriously the mass incarceration of Black people and police violence;  
**All: We call out the systems and structures that have oppressed people of color for far too long.**  
One: We confess where we have fallen short, where we have been ignorant;  
**All: We confess that at times we may have hindered rather than helped.**  
One: We confess that our silence has caused more harm;  
**All: We seek forgiveness for the ways we have inhibited the work of justice.**  
One: We lift up to You, O God, our hearts, our voices, our own bodies.  
**All: We pledge ourselves to live out Your ways of reparation and healing.**  
One: We commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice,  
**All: For only through justice may we know peace.**  
One: On this Sunday, we remember and honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr. and his legacy.  
**All: We remember and honor all those in the long struggle for justice.**

One: We recommit ourselves to Your ways, as spoken by the prophet Micah:

**All: We pledge to do justice, act in loving-kindness,  
and walk humbly with our God.**

One: We go forth into the world as ambassadors of justice and peace;

**All: We live, knowing our very lives are witnesses of Your restoration.**

One: We ask for Your guidance, O God, for our life's journey;  
for Your wisdom in life's struggles,  
And for Your peace in our hearts and in our world. Amen.

**\*Hymn #178:**           *"We Have the Strength to Lift and Bear"*

## Prayers

### Celebrations and Concerns

#### Moment for Meditation and Reflection

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

**Prayer Response:**           *"We Shall Overcome"*

## The Offering

### Call to Give

#### Offertory:

*"Dream"*

by J. Mercer

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

### \*Closing Hymn #593:

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

### \*Benediction

#### Postlude:

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

by R. Hartsell

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### About our Guest Preacher:

Audra Teague Mackey grew up in Virginia, and has called Washington D.C., Nicaragua, Ohio, Vermont, and Massachusetts home. She studied Russian and Latin-American Studies in college and completed graduate degrees in Social Justice and Conflict Transformation before attending seminary at Andover Newton Theological School. She was raised as an Evangelical Quaker and Southern Baptist with a dash of Episcopalian, and found her way to the United Church of Christ during seminary. After graduating from Andover Newton, she worked for two years at Wellesley Village Church before taking a leave of absence from ministry to focus on her son, Rowan. She and Rowan worship at First Congregational Church in Natick. She is passionate helping people connect to God's love through studying Jesus' life and ministry, doing social justice work, engaging in spiritual practices, and building interfaith community, and is currently writing about her experiences as the mother of a special needs child.

## Upcoming Events for the Week of January 19th

### Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

Sr. Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	8:00 AM
Breakfast	Fellowship Hall	9:00 AM
Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	9:30 AM
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM
Youth Group	Meeting Room	11:30 AM

### Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

Bible Study	Fireplace Room	7:00 PM
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### Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Food Pantry	Lower Level	10:00 AM-1:00 PM
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### Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

Sr. Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	8:00 AM
Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	9:30 AM
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM
Living Gift Market	Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM

*\*\* Please note that the church office will be CLOSED on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday. \*\**



### CSCC Deacons

*Just an email away if you need a meal, a visit, spiritual care, etc.*

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## SUPERBOWL APPETIZERS

*(Also great for other movie and TV watching!)*

Please indicate your order below. Pickup is during fellowship hour following service on Sunday, February 2. Payment is made at pickup.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo chicken dip \$8, Qty: _____           | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean BBQ Wings \$10, Qty: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spinach/artichoke bread bowl \$12, Qty: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie tray \$8, Qty: _____       |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ORDERS ARE DUE TO JESSICA OR THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**

via email to [jessicastearns1231@gmail.com](mailto:jessicastearns1231@gmail.com) or the youth mailbox near the church side door, or put it in the collection plate on Sundays. Form not necessary if all the info is included in your order!

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

*Mustard Seeds Prayer List of the People – Week of January 19th*

**All veterans and those who are serving in the military, especially, Peter Tyree, Paul Najarian, Devon Basler, Tim Kelso, Brandon Hull, Brett Carnathan, Darryl Sullivan, Christopher Bradshaw, Dominic Sorrentinie, Reed Bunyard, & Matthew Bui Affeld.**

- Prayers for Kay, mother of Ed Buckland, who continues on hospice care suffering with Alzheimer's in East Bridgewater nursing home. (1/13)
- Prayers for Charlie Naujunas, brother in-law of Ed Buckland, as he continues treatments for inoperable Glioblastoma brain cancer, as well as prayers for Ed's sister Susan. (1/13)
- Prayers for the Hannach family. (1/12)
- Prayers for Barbara, friend of Kathleen Mosher, as she undergoes hip surgery. (1/12)
- Prayers for those affected by natural disasters. (1/12)
- Prayers for Eddie Carll, friend of Diane Glass, whose wife recently passed away. (1/12)
- Prayers of comfort for Mallory on the birth of her stillborn baby. (1/5)
- Continued prayers for Paul and Millie Christenson as treatment brings challenges along with it. (1/5)
- Prayers for Bill Hall as he recovers from cornea replacement surgery in one eye. (1/5)
- Continued prayers for Elliott and Marlene Jacobs and Elliott's dad, Al. After a hospital stay over Christmas, Al has transferred to Life Care Raynham for rehabilitation. (1/5)
- Prayers for Ann Turner as she continues to grieve the loss of her husband. (1/5)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for all who served, donated, and/or baked for Mainspring House Christmas Eve/Day. (12/29)
- Prayers for the people of L Street Ministries as they mourn the loss of friends. (12/29)
- Prayers for the Turner family on the passing of their dog Brandy. (12/29)
- Continued prayers for the Schuller family. (12/29)
- Prayers for Darlene Brown, who was involved in a horrific accident without bodily injury. (12/15)
- Prayers for the Weinrebe family on the loss of Gloria's sister-in-law, and her friend's sister's passing. (12/15)
- Prayers for Kathleen Mosher as she plans to close her childcare business in June and relocate to western Mass. (12/15)
- Prayers for complete healing for Ashley Hoyt following her surgery. (12/9)
- Prayers of health and healing for Gerry Bulman, mother-in-law of Rich Sullivan. (12/9)
- Prayers for Anna, Darlene Brown's daughter's mother-in-law, who is recovering from a fall in the hospital. (12/9)
- Prayers for Steven Funk, friend of Kathleen Mosher, on the sudden passing of his partner. (12/8)
- Prayers of celebration for our new members who joined the church on 12/8.
- Prayers for Eileen and Jim Mayer as they recover from a fire. (11/17)
- Prayers for all battling cancer. (11/17)
- Prayers for the Struzik family on the passing of Tom's mother. (11/17)
- Prayers for Heather Ciaramitaro's sister. (11/10)
- Prayers for the Sikora family. (11/10)
- Prayers for Mauree Bundock on the death of her mother. (10/27)
- Prayers for all victims of violence. (10/24)
- Prayers for Nick Reis and his family as Nick recovers from motorcycle accident. (9/29)
- Continued prayers for Diane Sheibley's sister Cindy, who is battling health concerns. (9/22)
- Continued prayers of health and healing for Sara Terpeny's mother. (9/22)
- Prayers of healing for Nora and Nancy, friends of Rachel Lawson. (9/5)
- Prayers of fair treatment as our Lord would want for all detained immigrants. (7/14)
- Prayers for our environment. (6/30)
- Prayers for Jack Melcher as he recovers from foot surgery. (6/23)
- Prayers for Keith, son of Mike & Mauree Bundock. (8/2)

**The Vitality Team Wants to Know:**

**Week Two**

From time to time, it is important for a church to examine its vitality and consider new ways to meet the needs of the congregation and the church. Your answers are important for the future of our church.

**Purpose of this campaign: Discovery. To listen to God and our congregation. To get input from our entire congregational community — full and part-time — as to where we would like to see our church grow, what is important to us, and what are our passions. How is God speaking to us?**

Please answer by 1) answering the questions in church in writing during January worship services and dropping it in the collection plate; or 2) filling out this form and emailing it to office@cscucc.com; or 3) mailing to the church—71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324; or 4) visiting the link on www.cscucc.org and filling it out online. All answers are confidential to the degree that you request. Connect with any member of the team if you have your own questions or thoughts to share about this effort: Rob Basler, Krissy Cannizzo, Connie Chandler, Anne Malmquist, Denise Molinari, Kathleen Mosher, Terry Reynolds, Gail Wershing.

**Q3: What are 3 things we do well at Central Square Congregational Church?**

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**Q4: What are 3 things we could improve at Central Square Congregational Church?**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Please keep my replies confidential.

\_\_\_ You may contact me for more discussion at (email or phone): \_\_\_\_\_

I am a \_\_\_ Member \_\_\_ I attend frequently \_\_\_ I attend sometimes

\_\_\_ I no longer attend this church because:

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