



# Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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at home and abroad, sharing our faith and our resources.”*

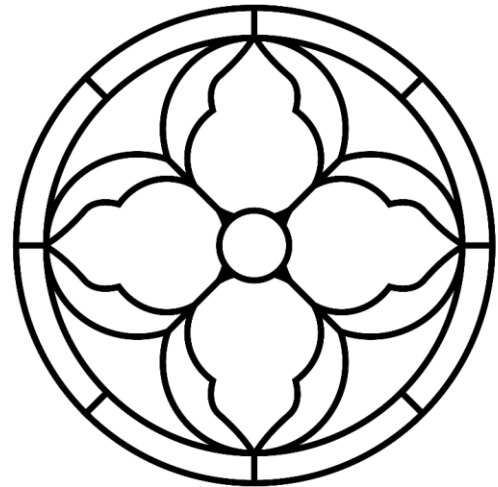
*We are delighted to  
have you in Worship today!*

*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 23, 2022**

**Prelude:**                      *“Prélude varié”*                      Johann Wilhelm Hässler

## **Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit:**                      *“Jesus of Nazareth, Savior and King”*                      Paul Cardall

### **Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 145: 1-5)

We are here in the name of Jesus Christ,  
to worship the God who gave us life and who sustains our every breath,  
and to praise the Spirit who enlivens our hearts and enlightens our minds.  
Great is our God and deserves our greatest praise,  
God is awesome beyond all our imagining.  
Each generation shall pass on the good news to the next.  
Let us share our love, and let us worship together.

### **Opening Prayer** (inspired by Psalm 98, John 15:9-17)

We, who so often take the wonders of creation for granted, welcome the opportunity to make a joyful noise before you, O God. We gather our hearts this morning to worship and to praise you, glad that we live in your world, filled with such diverse and beautiful examples of your creation. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make, as we come from differing situations and circumstances. Some are burdened down with the stresses of living in the covid world, and all that involves; some wearied from tasks of serving others; some worried over the state of the world and where that is all leading. Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him - to experience his gentleness and steadfast love for all. Jesus also offers us his joy so that our joy might be complete. Confident in these promises, we offer this time of worship to you, O God, praying that it may reflect our praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and for all that Jesus teaches us. This we pray in his name. **Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn #164:** *“Arise, Your Light Is Come”*

### **Moment for All Ages**

**Musical Meditation:**

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

**Hebrew Bible Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 4:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge

according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

## **Sermon**

**Musical Meditation:** *“Leaving Nazareth”*

Paul Cardall

## **Prayer for All People**

We are a world that is desperate for you, God.  
When powers struggle for dominance,  
and war, oppression and abuse result;  
When groups of people oppose one another  
because of ideology, religion or culture;  
We need a God who is bigger than ourselves and our personal interests.  
When people are disregarded and devalued  
because of poverty, geography or disease;  
When compassion and justice is withheld to some  
because of sexuality, race or gender;  
We need a Saviour who is more compassionate than we are  
who includes even those we would exclude.  
When resources are mismanaged and abused,  
and the world and its creatures are destroyed;  
When motivation is scarce and creativity is in short supply  
to address the challenges that we face;  
We need a Spirit who is more powerful and more creative  
than we could ever be.  
Loving God, Empowering Spirit,  
we offer you these prayers because we need you so desperately.  
Captivate us, call us and fill us,  
that we may be carriers of your eternal life  
to this world that you love so dearly.  
All of this we pray, in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying...

**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.*

**Hymn #179:**     *“We Yearn, O Christ for Wholeness”*

**Benediction**

**Postlude:**     *“We Yearn, O Christ for Wholeness”*     Richard Kingsmore

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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!

**Sunday, January 30, 2022** – Guest Preacher, The Rev. Greta Macrae

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022** - Women's Guild ZOOM Meeting at 6:30 p.m. The program will include a presentation entitled "What Does Healthy Eating Look Like?" by Dr. Kathleen Laquale, Bridgewater State University Professor and Licensed Dietician

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

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

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022** – Ash Wednesday

**Sunday, March 6, 2022** – First Sunday in Lent

## 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