## Central Square Congregational Church, UCC 71 Central Square, Bridgewater MA 02324 – (508) 697-6016 – csccucc.org

"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!

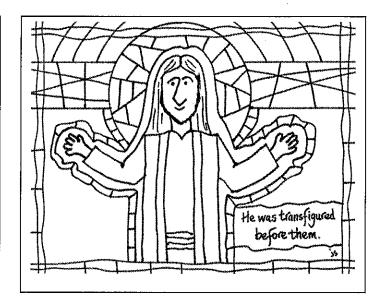
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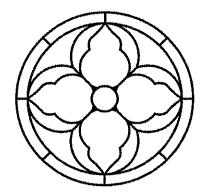
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# GUEST ARTISTS: JEREMY COLLIER, BARITONE BOB RICHARDS, PIANIST AND VOCALIST

#### **CSCC Staff**

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All the People!

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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Processional:

"Heaven"

Music by Ricky Ian Gordon Text by Langston Hughes

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Introit:

"Angel Wings"

Music by Ricky Ian Gordon Text by Langston Hughes

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn #177:

"God of Change and Glory"

(Rev. Beth and Josephine)

Gospel Reading:

Luke 9:28-36

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

#### Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

**Musical Meditation:** 

"How Much Longer"

Music and Words by Del'Shawn Taylor

"The Soul of America"

Music by Jerrell R. Gray Text by Rep. John R. Lewis

Sermon

**Musical Meditation:** 

"Here's One"

Traditional Spiritual

#### **Pastoral 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.

Closing Hymn #591:

"This is My Song"

Benediction

Postlude:

"Dream Variations"

Music by Ricky Ian Gordon Text by Langston Hughes

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 e-mail her at csccpastor@hotmail.com.

#### **CSCC Deacons**

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#### **CSCC Care Team**

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Bev Mitchell
John Scott

Rev. Beth Stotts

#### \*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.csccucc.org).

If you have any questions, you can email the Treasurer directly and confidentially at <u>treasurer@csccucc.com</u> or call the church office at 508-697-6016.

#### **Announcements**



Ash Wednesday Lenten Service on March 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Communion **Sunday, March 6**<sup>th</sup> morning in-person worship service at 10:00 a.m.

All Ages Communion Service on Sunday evening, **March 6th at 6:00 p.m.** 

Contemplative Prayer & Meditation Services:

- Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Meeting - Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Cabinet Meeting on Wednesday, **March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall

2022 Lenten Schedule through Easter Sunday on page 5

#### **COVID UPDATE**

Dear Members and Friends of Central Square Church,

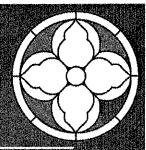
Great News! We will be returning to in-person worship services this week beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

Worship, as always, will be live-streamed via <u>Facebook Live</u> and <u>YouTube</u> as well as on BTV throughout the week. You can also access worship from our website: www.csccucc.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@csccucc.com or call us at 508-697-6016.

In Christ, Rev. Beth, Staff, and the Deacons

## 2022 Lenten Journey Theme: RETURNING



Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday Worship Service (7pm) Sunday, March 6 - First Sunday of Lent Worship (10am)

Communion, Community, & Spiritual Growth (6pm)

Wed., March 9 Contemplative Prayer & Meditation (7pm)

Sunday, March 13 - Second Sunday of Lent Worship (10am)

Wed., March 16 - Contemplative Prayer & Meditation (7pm)

Sunday, March 20 - Third Sunday of Lent Worship (10am)

Wed., March 23 - Contemplative Prayer & Meditation (7pm)

Sunday, March 27 - Fourth Sunday of Lent Worship (10am)

Wed., March 30 - Contemplative Prayer & Meditation (7pm)

Saturday, April 2 - Lenten Book Study

"No Cure For Being Human" by Kate Bowler (9am)

Sunday, April 3 - Fifth Sunday of Lent Worship (10am)

Communion, Community & Spiritual Growth (6pm)

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday Worship (10am)

Thursday, April 14 - Maundy Thursday Worship (7pm)

Friday, April 15 Good Friday Music and Meditation (3pm)

Saturday, April 16 - Holy Saturday End of Life Planning (10am)

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday Worship

(6:30am at Hanson Farm, 10am CSCC Sanctuary)

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These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

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