



Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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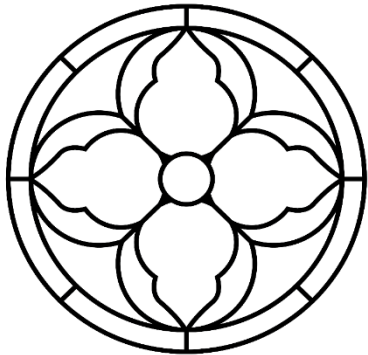
*We are delighted to
have you in Worship today!*

*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, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Prelude: *“By the Still Waters”* Amy Beach

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: *“I Look to You in Every Need”* Hymn #463

Call to Worship *(with allusions to Psalm 23 & Psalm 100)*

We gather together to worship God,
the Shepherd of our souls.
The one who has created us,
who sustains us,
who redeems us,
who walks beside us in good times and bad,
and who calls us to follow.
This is our God!
Let us bring our hearts together and worship!

Opening Prayer *(based on Psalm 23)*

Generous God and Giver of all things, we gather to rest in your loving and tender care. In you we are revived, restored and renewed by your strength and encouragement. You go before us in life, leading us, if only we let you.

We gather this morning as human beings, living in stressful times. Sometimes our body or mind lets us down. Sometimes we struggle. But we gather in worship today knowing that it is in those times especially, that we rely on your presence deep within us to guide, provide, and bless us. For this we give you our trust and our thanks.

Love-Giving, Life-Giving God, you nourish our souls and bodies; you heal our life's wounds; and your generous love fills us to overflowing. Through our worship today, remind us that your unfailing love will stay with us always. For this, we give you our thanks. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: *“’Tis Winter Now; the Fallen Snow* Hymn #432

Moment for All Ages: *“Our Journey with Heifer”* The Stotts Family

Musical Meditation: *“I Send My Heart Up to Thee”* Amy Beach

Hebrew Bible Reading: *Psalm 100* The Message

On your feet now-applaud God!
Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourself into God's presence.
Know this: God is God, and God, God.
God made us; we didn't make God.
We're God's people, God's well-tended sheep.
Enter with the password: "Thank you!"
Make yourselves at home, talking praise.
Thank God. Worship God.
For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

Sermon: *“Talking Praise”* Rev. Greta MacRae

Musical Meditation: *“A Psalm of Life”* Frederic Cowen

Prayer for All People

Holy, Loving God,
You have compassion enough for all.
God in your mercy, have compassion for us.

Jesus, out of your compassion for us,
you invite us to come away with you to a place of rest and quiet.
Help us to say yes and then to be able to come away with you.
God in your mercy, have compassion for us.

God, out of your compassion you care for
those who are harassed, helpless, addicted, afflicted, and lost.
Sometimes we feel that way ourselves.
God in your mercy, have compassion for us.
God in your compassion teach us to follow you,

to trust you, to love you and to love as you love.
God in your compassion feed us who are hungry;
Physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
God in your compassion heal us in the places we need healed.
God in your mercy, have compassion for us.

And God in your having compassion for us
Teach us to have compassion for others as you do.
Help us to show compassion in action the way you did.
And remind us when it is time to come away with you for quiet and rest.
God in your mercy, have compassion for us.
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.*

Closing Hymn #63: “*Holy Divine, Love Divine*”

Benediction

So now we leave this time of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,
we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet, and the sky above our heads.
We know God is love.
We know Christ's light endures.
We know the Holy Spirit is there, found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath, binding us to each other,
until we meet we again, Go in peace.

Postlude: “*Moonbeam Fairies*”

Frederic Cowen

*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.

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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).

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



**BLANKET SUNDAY –
FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

SPECIAL OFFERING

Love never fails." - 1 Corinthians 13:8

Your contribution to the Church World Service Blankets program not only gives people around the world supplies to keep them safe and healthy but hope, warmth and a reminder that they are loved. February 13th is Blanket Sunday this year.

Today, let your response be one of love by giving to our neighbors in their time of need. There is a link on the front page of the Church website to donate to this worthy cause: www.cscucc.org

Announcements



The purpose of our annual meeting, according to our Constitution, Article X, Church Meetings, Section 2: “The Annual Meeting of the Church shall be held on the second Sunday of February for the purpose of receiving/hearing reports of all Officers, Boards, Committees and Organizations and to transact any other business that may legally come before it.”

This is a celebration! Please come and let us celebrate together the people and ministry of Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ!

Due to COVID concerns, the meeting will be held via Zoom. The Zoom meeting link will be emailed to all those on our email list on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10. If you do not get emails from the church regularly, such as the Monday e-blast, please contact Deborah in the church office, and she’ll be happy to email the link to you.

The link will also be available on our website EVENTS page that morning (not before).

 **MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – Outreach Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 13, 2022 - Annual Meeting at 11:00 a.m. via ZOOM (see details above)

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – Cabinet Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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 or call us at 508-697-6016.

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