

**Invitation**  
**Institution and Prayer of Consecration**  
**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

*(Communion at CSCCUCC is Open Table. All are welcome.  
The elements are gluten free and non-alcoholic.)*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Closing Hymn #160:** *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** *"We Three Kings"* David Nevue

***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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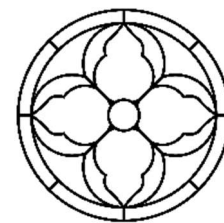
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*"We are a Christian Community of people  
who are reaching out to our neighbors,  
at home and abroad,  
sharing our faith and our resources."*



## Epiphany Sunday



## Sunday, January 8, 2023

*"Put light against light – you have nothing. Put dark against  
dark – you have nothing. It's the contrast of light and dark  
that each gives the other one meaning."*

-Bob Ross

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

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

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**Prelude**            *"Star of Bethlehem"*            John Williams

## **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**            *"We Three Kings"*            (Savannah Wells, flute)

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: We gather:

**All: a community of faith in God's subversive world.**

One: We gather:

**All: to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light,  
to remember that love will always be more powerful than death,  
and to trust that peace will always be stronger than violence.**

One: We gather:

**All: as a people of faith, to live as the light of God in this world.**

One: Welcome to worship!

## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

O Star-flinging God,  
whose light dances across eternity,  
meet us in our worship today and  
dazzle us into your presence in this new year.  
Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.  
Awaken us to your presence in the ordinary.  
Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.  
Heal us, that we might be healers.  
Reconcile us to you and to ourselves,  
that our living might be reconciling.  
Stop us often, we pray  
with news that is good,  
with hope that holds,  
with truth that transforms  
with a Word tailored to this trail we're on.  
May the word of your grace guide our steps  
like the sun by day and the north star by night,  
as we travel into the gift of a new year. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn #156:**            *"Brightest and Best"*

**Gospel Reading:**            Matthew 2:1-23            p.783

## **Prayer of Confession**

O God, we confess that it is hard to be hopeful  
when there is so much sickness and fear  
and pain and sorrow in the world.  
We confess, O God, that we keep our heads down  
and fail to envision where You are at work in our world.  
We fail to perceive You, even as You are revealed to the world.  
Be revealed to us, O God, in new and uplifting ways.  
May hope and joy be revealed to us.  
May Your justice, mercy, and love be revealed to us  
when we so desperately need it.  
Be revealed in our hearts, O God,  
so that we might break open Your light into the world.  
In Jesus' name, we pray that all things will be revealed. Amen.

## **Assurance of God's Grace**

**Musical Meditation**    *"Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar"*  
By Peter Cornelius

## **Epiphany Message**

**Musical Meditation**    *"How Splendid Shines the Morning Star"*  
By Robert Lowry

## **Prayers**

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

## **Moment for Silent Meditation**

## **Prayer for All People**

**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.*

## **Service of Communion**

**\*Communion Hymn #158:** *"O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright"*

## Star Word Reflections



My word is:

What are my initial thoughts about this word?

What is the definition of my word?

What are the different forms my word can take? How do the different forms change its meaning?

What synonyms of my word come to mind? How do they help to shape my understanding of this word?

What scripture passages or stories does my word bring to mind?

Any other thoughts or reflections?

## STAR WORD PRAYER

One: We are seekers – just like the Magi.

**All: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**

One: We are looking for hope, peace, joy, love  
and so much more that Christ brings.

**All: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**

One: We long for the abundant life God promises.

**All: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**

One: May this star word be one of encouragement.

**All: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**

One: May this word guide our intentions  
in the days to come.

**All: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**

One: May we pay attention to where God is present.

**All: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**

One: May God use these words to show us  
how to live and love in the world.

**All: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**

## Mustard Seeds

### Prayer List of the People For the week of January 8, 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](mailto:office@cscucc.com).

- Prayers of comfort for the Boudreau family on the death of Ann Boudreau. (12/22)
- Continued prayers for Gail Wright's son-in-law, Dan, and the entire Reardon family, as they mourn the loss of his mother and father. (1/3)
- Prayers for Barbara Morey's brother in Florida, who has been diagnosed with multiple cancers and has suffered a stroke. (12/18)
- Prayers of comfort and strength for Jenne Foronjy and her sisters as they come to terms with the profound loss of their mother, together with the ongoing struggles of their individual situations. (12/13)
- Prayers of health, healing, and courage for Judy Balzarini, friend of Kathleen Mosher, as she fights cancer. (12/11)
- Prayers of thanks for this congregation, and wishes of safe travels for friends and family this holiday season. (12/11)
- Prayers of strength and recovery for Bob and Michelle, friends of Bill O'Neil, who both suffer from substance abuse. (12/11)
- Continued prayers for Diane & Peter Glass' great nephew Ben, who is still in a mental health facility and not doing well. Prayers that a longterm facility for him will be found, and for strength and courage for him and his family. (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 strength for the family of Doug Anderson, formerly of the Bridgewater area and now living in Wisconsin. His grandson, James, is battling a cancerous spinal tumor, and is back in the hospital to start a difficult round of chemo. (12/11)
- We lift up in prayer and acknowledgement those that aren't among us -- friends and family that are struggling. We pray that they may be embraced by the love of God, and find peace and healing. (12/4)
- Prayers for action and words for the peaceful resolution of the violence in our country. (11/27)
- Prayers for Mary Barnsley's friend's mother, Robin, who is fighting brain cancer. (11/20)
- Prayers for Kimberly Davis who is recovering from surgery. (11/17)
- Prayers of healing for Rachel Lawson's brother Rubin, as he recovers from surgery.
- Continued prayers of healing and support for Mike Bundock as he begins a new, intensive round of treatment for brain cancer. (11/6)
- Prayers of understanding and acceptance for the family of Natalie Mosher's girlfriend, Jiseon. They have not been accepting of who she is and her relationship with Natalie. Prayers of love as well for Natalie and Jiseon.
- Prayers for friend Bonnie, who is struggling with stomach cancer and not doing well. (10/23)

**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, January 10**

**Outreach Meeting 7:00 pm**

*(Fireplace Room)*

**Wednesday, January 11**

**Central Closet Thrift Store Opens! 10am**

*(Fellowship Hall)*

**Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm**

*(Fireplace Room)*

**Thursday, January 12**

**Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm**

**Sunday, January 15**

**Breakfast 9:30am**

*(Fellowship Hall)*

**Sunday, January 15**

**Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am**

*(Sanctuary)*

**Sunday, January 15**

**Worship 10am**

*(Sanctuary)*

**Sunday, January 15**

**Youth Group meeting 11am**

*(Fellowship Hall)*

**Sunday, January 15**

**Steeple Sounds Submissions Due!**

**Annual Reports Due!**

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