

Prayers

Celebrations and Concerns

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

Moment for Meditation and Reflection

The Lord's Prayer (Please use the wording that is most meaningful for you.)

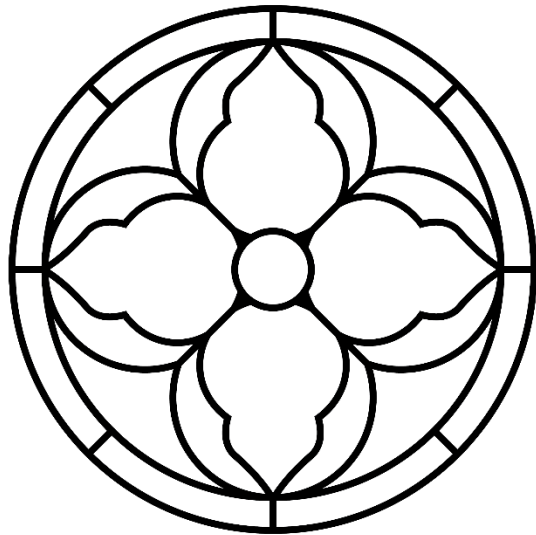
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

***Closing Hymn #177: "God of Change and Glory"**

***Benediction**

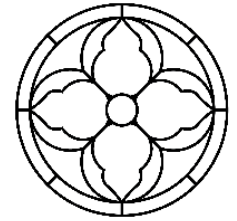
Postlude

*"Questions on the Origins of Creativity"
Nyokabi Kariuki*



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."*



Sunday, January 22, 2023

Special guest:

Kelley Hollis, Soprano

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

* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

Prelude *“Healing” & “Dying”* Rosephayne Powell

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: *“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”*

*Call to Worship

One: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

All: Jesus calls us to worship.

One: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

All: Jesus calls us to love.

One: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action. To protest and provision;

All: Jesus calls us to justice.

One: Let us answer the call of Christ.

All: Let us worship together with joy.

***Opening Hymn #504:** *“You Walk Along Our Shoreline”*

*Opening Prayer

One: O God, giver of all good gifts, you have given us life.

You have given us your love
and that love includes your plans for us.

All: All of life is a call and a response.

**We pray for grace to hear Your voice
and a heart to respond. We are ready to listen.**

One: Help us listen to the rhythm of each day, day by day,
so that we are not overwhelmed
with thoughts of the future.
Yet guide us into the future
so that we know who and whose we are,
and what we are called to do.

**All: We shall listen.
We shall listen to the voices of those witnesses
who have lived before us.**

**We shall listen to those who are here
to give us guidance and encouragement,
for it is clear that whatever plans you have for us,
we will never journey alone.**

One: And even though we want easy answers,
we know that what you want is a relationship.
So when we answer you, may our response be to love.

**All: Let us serve with the gifts you give us.
What are we to do? We are ready to listen. Amen.**

Junior Choir Anthem: *“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”*

Moment for All Ages

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23 p.785

Hebrew Bible Reading: Psalm 27:1,4-9 p.437

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

Musical Meditation *“Mantra”* Timothy C. Takach

Sermon

Musical Meditation *“More Than Our Own Caves”* Omar Najmi
Text by Marlanda Dekine
*IV. I need to know it’s okay to see a god in my neighbors face
V. I want to return to our great-grandmothers’ gardens*

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of January 22, 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.

- Prayers of peace and comfort for the family of Janet Brust who passed this week. (1/20)
- Prayers for Rachel Lawson's dear friend Wanita as she tries to get an appointment for some important testing, and prayers as well for healing and favorable results. (1/19)
- Continued prayers for Diane & Peter Glass' great nephew Ben who suffers with mental health issues but was sent home because there isn't a longterm facility available to him in Connecticut. Prayers also for Ben's father, Noah, who is working to find an appropriate living and care situation for Ben, and for our healthcare system that struggles to provide for those in need. (1/15)
- Prayers for Philip Chaffee as he is in the hospital experiencing health issues. Prayers of thanks for his nurse Samantha and the entire healthcare team tending to him. (1/15)
- Prayers for Norm Sorgman as he recovers from heart surgery. (1/15)
- Prayers of celebration for Mark and Sandra Madeiros on the birth of their daughter Evelyn. (1/8)
- Prayers for those who are victims of racial prejudice, and endure verbal attacks because of it, and specifically for Natalie Mosher's girlfriend, Jiseon. (1/8)
- 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 strength and recovery for Bob and Michelle, friends of Bill O'Neil, who both suffer from substance abuse. (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)
- 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)
- Prayers for members of Gloria Weinrebe's family who have experienced the passing of a family member; whose son was in a motorcycle accident; whose daughter-in-law has medical concerns that are keeping her from working; and for other family members facing medical issues. (9/25)
- Prayers for Gordon Brailsford's sister-in-law Ellie who suffered a stroke. (9/25)
- Celebrations for Tami Kurahara's medical good news, and continued prayers for her on her health journey. (8/28)

Continued prayers for all veterans and those serving on active duty in the military both in the United States and abroad.

DATES TO REMEMBER



- Wednesday, January 25** Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm
(Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, January 25** BSU Choir Rehearsal 7pm
(Sanctuary)
- Thursday, January 26** Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm
- Saturday, January 28** Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm
(Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, January 29** Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am
(Sanctuary)
- Sunday, January 29** Worship 10am
(Sanctuary)
- Sunday, January 29** Constitution Revision group 11:15am
(Fireplace Room)

The church office will be open Tuesday – Friday from 9am-1pm. Please call 508-697-6016 to make an appointment or to speak with Rev. Beth. You can also contact Rev. Beth by email at csccpastor@hotmail.com.



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