

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.

Prayer Response "I Have A Dream"

Text by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Music by James T Dargan

***Closing Hymn**

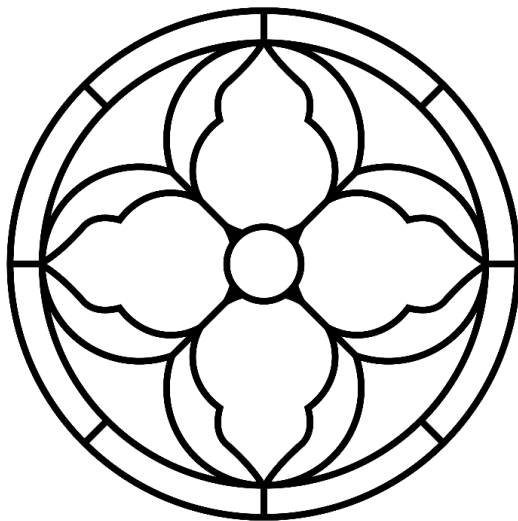
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Closing Words

Postlude

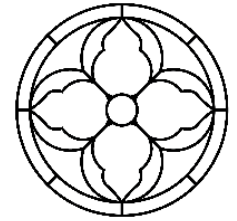
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Jack Shrader



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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, February 12, 2023

*Special Guest Artist:
James Dargan, Baritone*

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

* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

Prelude *"Antiphon"* Ralph Vaughn 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: *"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"*

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, all who are weary, all who are carrying heavy burdens.

All: Jesus will give us rest.

One: Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace.

All: Jesus will give us peace.

One: Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus.

All: For Jesus will soothe our souls.

One: Come, let us worship our God

All: Let us follow the One who leads us into life.

***Prayer**

Loving and Gracious God,
bless us, we pray, with your presence this day.
Teach us your ways, inspire us to seek your wisdom,
energize those who are exhausted,
comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak.
O God, fill our hearts with your praise
and lead us in our worship today.
Help us to see each person in light of the love and grace
you have shown to us in Christ.
Establish among us a future where peace reigns,
justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled.
We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Commissioning of the Junior Deacon

Introduction

The Vows

Congregational Response:

We receive you as a servant of Christ;

We pledge to support you in your service.

We encourage you with works and prayers.

We consider ourselves coworkers with you in the service of Christ.

The Charge

Charge Response:

Spirit of the living God, in every age you have appointed teachers to tell about your power, justice and love. We thank you for our siblings in faith committed to teaching us your ways. We give thanks for the evidences of your Holy Spirit that we experience in the community of learning. In our shared ministry, us all with grace and grant us the strength and peace of your Spirit. In the name of Christ, our Teacher and Friend. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #:** *"God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us"*

Moment For All Ages: Blanket Sunday
Carol Chaffee and Connie Chandler

Musical Meditation: *Love is a Blanket*
Carol Winfrey Gillette

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48 p.786

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 p.927

Anthem *"It Is Enough," from "Elijah"*
Felix Mendelssohn

Sermon

***Hymn #433:** *"In The Bulb There Is a Flower"*

God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us
A hymn for Church World Service's Blanket Sunday

CONVERSE 8.7.8.7 D ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus")

God, you wrap your love around us, Like a blanket, soft and warm.
You give rest when we are weary, You protect us from the storm.
May each person who finds shelter In these blankets that we share
Also feel the joy and comfort Of your love's protecting care.

Jesus, you were once a baby, Sought by those who would destroy.
Into Egypt you were carried — Far from home, a little boy.
Were you wrapped up warm to travel, Safe from terror, free from harm?
Did you feel God's strong protection, Snuggled there in Mary's arm?

May the women, men and children Fleeing danger every day
Know, through us, your living presence; You walk with them on their way.
Spirit, as you give them comfort, Teach us here to freely give;
May we blanket this world over With your love, so all may live.

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of February 12, 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 for David Hanson's Uncle Roger who was recently diagnosed with cancer and for David's brother Bob who is recovering well after his surgery. (2/5)
- Philip Chaffee is improving on a daily basis. The continued prayers are most appreciated. (2/5)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp's mother as she has a very important doctor appointment tomorrow. (1/29)
- Continued prayers for Tami Kurahara, as her cancer is in remission, but she faces another surgery. (1/29)
- Prayers of celebration for Alex Sikora, who turned 15! (1/29)
- Continued prayers for Mark Sorgman's brother, Todd, who is doing well following his stroke and is recovering at home. (1/29)
- Prayers for Terry Reynolds and her family on the passing of her brother, Walter (Wally) Easttey, after a long illness. (1/23)
- Prayers for the Ciaramitaro family as they face what would have been Heather's brother Adam's 25th birthday. Adam died by suicide last year. Prayers for all those who suffer from mental health issues, and for those that love and care for them. (1/23)
- 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 Norm Sorgman as he continues to recover from heart surgery. (1/15)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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 Bonnie, friend of Steve Boudreau, 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)

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, February 14	Outreach Meeting 7pm (Fireplace Room)
Wednesday, February 14	Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, February 14	Cabinet Meeting 7pm (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, February 14	BSU Choir Rehearsal 7pm (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, February 14	Steeple Sounds submissions due!
Thursday, February 15	Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm
Thursday, February 15	Staff Meeting 10am (Fireplace Room)
Saturday, February 18	Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, February 19	Breakfast 9am (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, February 19	Worship – 10am (Sanctuary)

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The church office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-1pm, and by appointment on Thursday. 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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*In our church, no matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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Please share your pronouns. Pronouns are the part of speech used to refer to someone in the third person. We want to know how to respectfully refer to you!

Please tell us how you want your name to appear on your new name badge:

Please chose one of the options below or write in if you do not see an example of your pronouns.

She/Her/Hers	He/Him/His	They/Them/Theirs	Ze/Zir/Zirs
Other:			

Thank you so much for participating and helping everyone in our congregation feel comfortable and respected.

Drop this in the Sunday collection plate, hand it in to the church office, or email your preferences to office@cscucc.com.