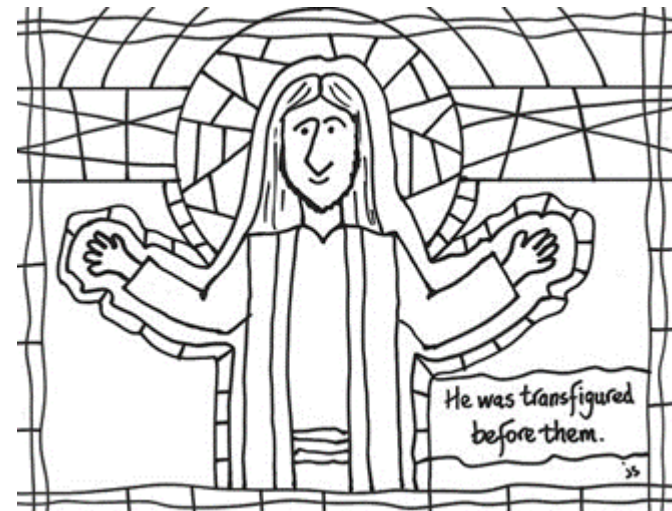
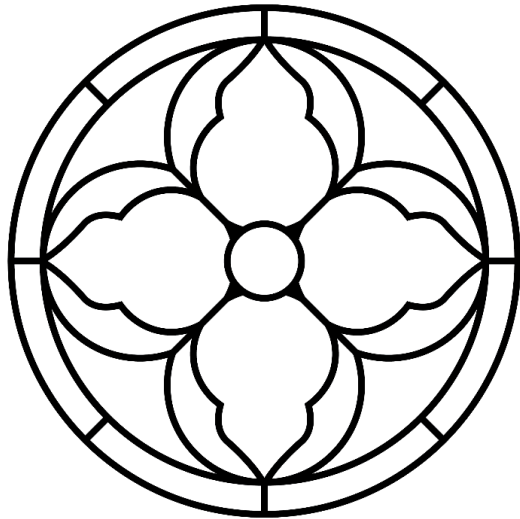
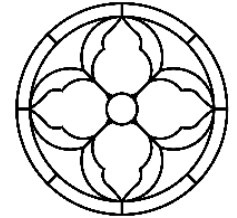


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*"We are a Christian Community of people
who are reaching out to our neighbors,
at home and abroad,
sharing our faith and our resources."*



Sunday, February 19, 2023

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

* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

Prelude *“Hyfrydol”* John Carter

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: *“Jerusalem”* Hubert Parry

*Call to Worship

One: Something drew us together this morning.

All: Something we can't name but which we experience in worship.

One: Some holy mystery called God.

All: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus.

One: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit.

All: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears and prepare us to love the world.

*Opening Prayer

O God, you are beyond words and description,
your love is beyond knowledge and explanation.
Through our worship today,
Make our hearts ready to receive you.
Change us, we pray,
that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration.
We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #182:** *“We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding”*

Moment For All Ages

Musical Meditation: *“Transfiguration”* Aodhan King

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-43 p.843

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2 p.939

Sermon

***Hymn #293:** *“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

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

Pastoral Prayer on the Transfiguration (based on Luke 9:28-36)

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 #493:** *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

Benediction

May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.

We have been changed.

We have seen the Light of the World.

Go and mirror the radiance of love!

Postlude *“Postlude on Hyfrydol”*
Rowland H. Pritchard

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 and good wishes for the Ciaramitaro family, who is travelling to Florida soon, and for strength and peace for Heather for all the logistics and coordination involved in a big family trip. (2/12)
- Prayers for Barbara Morey and her family on the loss of Barbara's brother, following diagnosis of multiple cancers and a stroke. (2/12)
- Prayers for all those in Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquake. (2/12)
- Prayers for our friend John who has not been well. (2/12)
- 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, continues to battle a cancerous spinal tumor, has gone through several rounds of chemo and surgery, and faces more of both. Celebrations for the fact that the tumor is currently 70% smaller than it was. (2/12)
- Continued prayers for Tami Kurahara, who has had her surgery and is doing well, and who deeply appreciates all the prayers and good thoughts. (2/12)
- Prayers for all those affected by the opioid crisis, and specifically for Ellen Crawford's co-worker, who recently lost her brother. (2/12)
- Prayers of thanks from Terry Reynolds for all those who reached out with kind words following the passing of her brother. (2/12)
- Prayers for Denise Molinari's neighbor, Ed, and his family. Ed has been battling cancer and was recently put on hospice. (2/12)
- Philip Chaffee is improving on a daily basis. The continued prayers are most appreciated. (2/5)
- Continued prayers for Mark Sorgman's brother, Todd, who is doing well following his stroke and is recovering at home. (1/29)
- 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 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)
- 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 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 21** **Pancake Dinner 5-6pm**
(Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, February 22** **Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm**
(Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, February 22** **Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm**
(Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, February 23** **Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm**
- Saturday, February 25** **Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm**
(Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, February 26** **Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:15am**
(Sanctuary)
- Sunday, February 26** **Worship & Blessing of the Stuffies – 10am**
(Sanctuary)

The church office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 9am-1pm or by appointment. Please call 508-697-6016 to make an appointment or to speak with Rev. Beth.

You can also contact Rev. Beth by email at

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