Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

71 Central Square, Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02324

"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, March 12, 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	"Come,	Thou Fount o	f Every	v Blessing"	Robert Wetzler

Welcome and Announcements

Announcements and 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: "Introit #1" Peter Glass (Peter Glass and John Schuller, trumpet)

Lenten Kyrie: "Kyrie elesion, Christe elesion, Kyrie elesion"

*Call to Worship

One: Friends, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent.

All: towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

One: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever He leads us.

All: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

One: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us

All: Whose promises are found in Jesus.

*Opening Prayer

Holy One, Fount of Every Blessing,

We come to you this morning, opening our parched places to receive the springs of living water You offer to us.

Most of the time, we don't even know we are thirsty.

We don't know the deep dehydration

that scours our bones and parches our hearts.

Sometimes, when our thirst pangs emerge,

And we draw from the enticing wells of the world's offering

of power and profit, which leave us even more empty.

Still us, God, so we might listen to You speaking to us,

knowing us, seeing us, loving us.

Fill us with your Living Water that will transform our spirits and souls into springs that burst forth with life and love for your people, for ourselves, and for our world. Amen. *Opening Hymn #459: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

Moment for All Ages

Anthem "Deepest Mystery of Love" Stephen Burtonwood

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42 p.864

Sermon

*Hymn #196: "When, Like the Woman at the Well"

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.

Musical Meditation: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" David Nevue

Closing Words: Romans 5:1-5 p.917

*Closing Hymn #278: "Creator God, Creating Still"

"Introit #2"

Benediction

Postlude:

Peter Glass

Mustard Seeds Prayer List of the People For the week of March 12, 2023

Please note: Prayer requests should be submitted by calling the Church Office at: (508) 697-6016 or by e-mail to: <u>office@csccucc.com</u>.

- Prayers for John Schuller and his wife Lin as she is in the hospital with multiple health issues (3/9)
- Prayers of health and healing for Frank Ciaramitaro's mother, who is recovering from surgery. (3/5)
- Prayers of thanks and celebration for the Ciaramitaro family after a great family vacation to Florida. (3/5)
- Prayers for Owen's friend who is starting a new job, for safe travels and a fresh start. (3/5)
- Prayers for Mary Barnsley's friend Allie and her family, whose mother, Robin, lost her battle with cancer. (3/5)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp and her family, as her oldest struggles with mental health issues. (3/5)
- Prayers of healing for Gloria Weinrebe who recently had a fall. (3/2)

• Continued prayers for Diane & Peter Glass' great nephew Ben, who suffers with mental health issues, and his family. Ben has finally been placed in a mental health facility. (2/26)

- 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 metastatic cancer. (2/24)
- Prayers of healing and health for our dear Food Pantry worker Pat Conn (2/21)
- Prayers for the family of Ian Johnstone as they grieve his death. (2/21)

• Prayers of healing for Lynn Pietras who fell last Wednesday while working at the Thrift Shop and broke her wrist. (2/19)

• Prayers for Barbara Morey and Annie Blanchard, and their family, on the loss of their 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 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 for Denise Molinari's neighbor, Ed, and his family. Ed has been battling cancer and was recently put on hospice. (2/12)
- Continued prayers for Mark Sorgman's brother, Todd, who is doing well following his stroke and is recovering at home. (1/29)
- 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 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 Kimberly Davis who is recovering from surgery. (11/17)
- Continued prayers of healing and support for Mike Bundock as he continues his 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.



Wednesday, March 15	Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, March 15	Cabinet meeting 7pm (Fireplace Room)
Wednesday, March 15	Steeple Sounds submissions due
Wednesday, March 15	BSU Choir Rehearsal 7pm (Sanctuary)
Thursday, March 16	Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm
Thursday, March 16	Staff Meeting 10am (Fireplace Room)
Saturday, March 18	Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, March 19	Breakfast 9am (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, March 19	Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am (Sanctuary)
Sunday, March 19	Worship 10am (Sanctuary)
Sunday, March 19	Congregational Meeting 11:30am (Sanctuary)

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 <u>csccpastor@hotmail.com</u>.



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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AN EVENING WITH JULIA SCOTT CAREY

A piano concert featuring her favorite classics, showtunes, and movie themes.



A reception with light hors d'oeuvres will follow. Bring your favorite wine!

Friday, March 24 7pm

\$30 per person in advance (\$20 student/senior). All advance tickets include a commemorative wine glass!

Gift basket raffle, too!

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More info at www.csccucc.org/events. Tickets can be purchased online or from the church office. Spread the word! This is a fundraiser for the church! See you there!