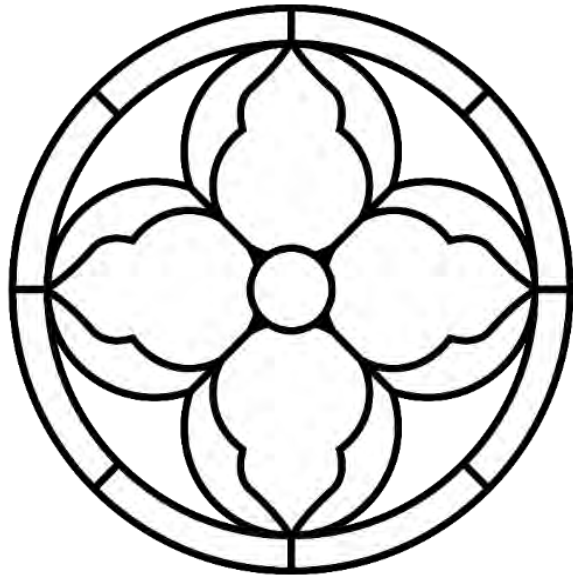
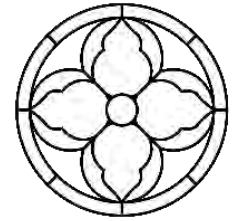


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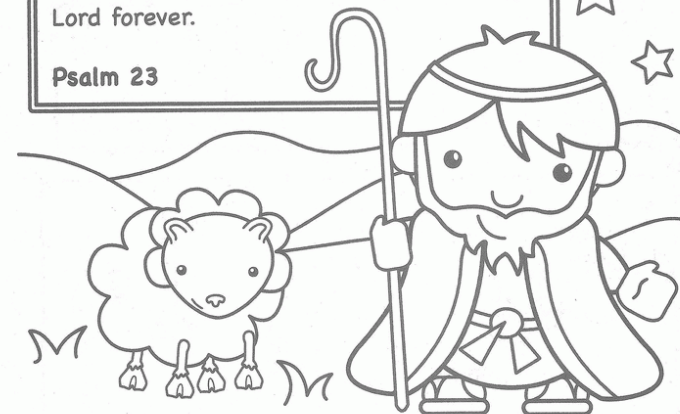


The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want;
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the
Lord forever.

Psalm 23



Sunday, March 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 *"Shepherd Me, O God"* John Sarta

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: *"The Lord is My Shepherd"* Howard Goodall

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 p.435

*Call to Worship

One: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters

All: and gives us refreshment of soul.

One: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go.

All: so that the name of God will be glorified.

One: Through all manner of anguish and struggle, we will not be afraid,

All: for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

One: We are never away from the love and mercy of God,

All: and we shall be with God for ever and ever. Amen!

*Opening Prayer

O God of all goodness,

you welcome us, forgive us, and heal us.

You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you.

You offer us steadfast love and mercy.

Reveal yourself to us in our worship today.

Let us know your presence:

Bless you, O God! Bless your holy name! Amen.

Musical Offering: *"When Jesus Wept"* (Junior Choir)

Moment for All Ages

***Hymn #479:** *"God is My Shepherd"*

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-7 p.871

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 p.951

Musical Meditation: *"Ave Verum"* Edward Elgar

Sermon

***Hymn #5:** *"Praise to God"*

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 Offering: *"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"* P. Keveren

Closing Words

***Closing Hymn #43** *(v.1&2): "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

Benediction

Postlude: *"The Lord Is My Shepherd"* Franz Schubert



Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of March 19, 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 Diane & Peter Glass' 14-month-old granddaughter Maisy who is in the hospital with a serious bronchial infection. (3/12)
- Prayers for one of our church families who lost their family cat this week. Prayers especially for the children. (3/12)
- Prayers of celebration for Nic Cannizzo who was chosen by his school to represent them in a nationwide skills USA program, and he came in 2nd in the district. (3/12)
- Prayers of healing for Nic & Aiden Cannizzo's grandfather who is in rehab. (3/12)
- Prayers for safe travels for the Shave family as they head to New York City to take Cam back to school. (3/12)
- Prayers for Lin & John Schuller as Lin is in Good Sam Hospital. (3/12)
- Prayers of health and healing for Frank Ciaramitaro's mother, who is recovering from surgery. (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 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)
- Prayers for those who are victims of racial prejudice, and endure verbal attacks because of it, and specifically for Natalie Mosher's girlfriend, Jiseon. Additional 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. (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 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



Wednesday, March 22	Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Wednesday, March 22	BSU Choir Rehearsal 7pm <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Thursday, March 23	Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm An
Friday, March 24	Evening with Julia concert 7pm <i>(Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)</i>
Saturday, March 25	Lenten Book Study 9:30am <i>(Fireplace Room)</i>
Saturday, March 25	Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Sunday, March 26	Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Sunday, March 26	Worship 10am (Stewardship Sunday) <i>(Sanctuary)</i>

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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In Galatians, the Apostle Paul encourages followers of Jesus to generously help and care for others. Though there is great need in the world and we can grow weary because we do not know how to help, God's Spirit energizes and re-energizes us in every season.

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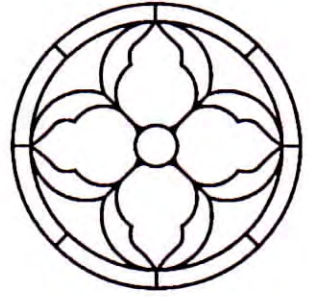
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Maribel Espinoza Bermudez is a member of one of 292 families in the Carazo region participating in a holistic food security program. Before joining the program, Maribel's harvest was limited to corn and occasionally beans; she received fruit plants and seeds through the program. Now, Maribel has a diversified rotation of crops, improving her family's nutrition and food security. "May the Lord

increase the blessings on...each of the brothers and sisters and their families who dedicate resources to our support, we also tell them those good things come from above and hands that give, never they will come back empty," Maribel says. This program and its components are made possible because of your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing.

So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up...
— Galatians 6:9





Dear Community,

This Lenten season, the Lenten Think Tank members would like to encourage you to find ways to create opportunities for rest, for peace, and for mindfulness in your daily life. They would also like to invite you to bring your cozy blankets, pillows, stuffies, or anything else that makes you feel restful to worship with you each week during Lent.

Find sanctuary here.

In Christ,

The Members of the Lenten Think Tank

- Jamie, Tristan, and Savannah Wells
- Linda Chipman
- Josephine Stotts
- Deb Sorgman
- Rev. Beth

QUEST FOR REST

Daily Practices for Lent
compiled by the Lenten Think Tank

- Spend 5 minutes in quiet meditation
- Read passages from the Bible and sit with them
- Meditate on your senses (what do you taste, see, feel, hear, smell)
- Play
- Hug a stuffy
- Listen to music
- Stretch your body
- Put your phone away
- Read a book
- Take a breath before saying Yes or No to something
- Draw a picture
- Do yoga, run, lift weights
- Sleep
- Pray