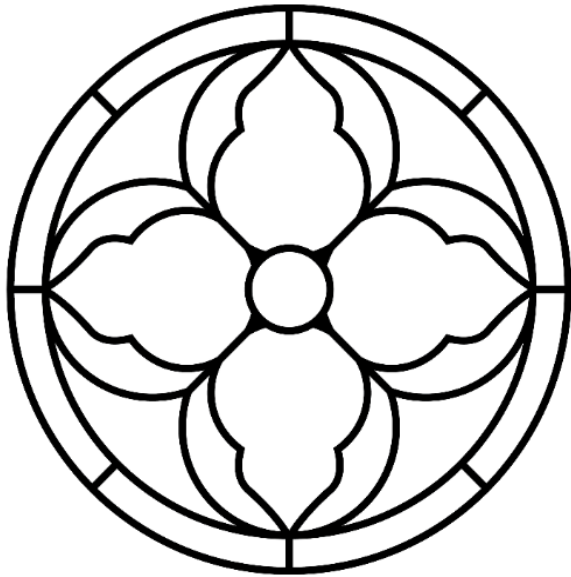
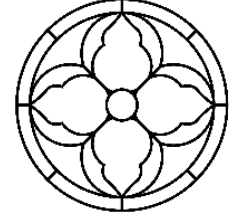


Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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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, March 26, 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 *"Valley of the Bones"* Margaret Bonds

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: *"O Come to Me, You Weary"*

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

***Call to Worship** (inspired by Ezekiel 37: 1-14, John 11: 17-45)

One: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

All: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

One: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

All: The breath of God poured out as new life for weary souls!

One: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

All: And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!

***Opening Prayer** (inspired by Ezekiel 37: 1-14, John 11: 17-45)

Compassionate God,

the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life

for all who long for you.

One breath from you and we are rescued from the arid

valley of dry bones,

given muscles and sinews and joy with which to praise you,

and filled with the holy hope you grant to

all your faithful people.

Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit,

that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom,

and what looks to us to be death may be revealed as but sleep

before the emergence of new life. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #565:** *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

Moment for All Ages

Stewardship Moment

Anthem: *"Dry Bones"*

Gospel Reading: John 11:17-45 p.951

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 p.704

Message: *"Rising Phoenix"*

***Hymn:** *"O For a World"*

Recognition of Gifting:

Offertory: *"The Phoenix"* Lindsey Stirling

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God for all that Love has done

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

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: *"Renewal"* Christine Brown

Closing Words

***Closing Hymn #311:** *"Renew Your Church"*

Benediction

Postlude: *"Toccata No. 10"* Joel Raney

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of March 26, 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.

- Continued prayers for John & Lin Schuller. Lin remains in Good Sam hospital following her surgery, and is currently undergoing some testing. (3/19)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp and her family, as her father has recently been diagnosed with dementia. (3/19)
- Prayers for the family of Ed Hinkle who passed away last week. (3/19)
- Prayers also for the family of Ralph Galante on his passing. (3/19)
- Prayers of thanks from Gloria Weinrebe for all of the cards received as she recovered from her fall. (3/19)
- Prayers of thanks from Diane & Peter Glass; their 14-month-old granddaughter Maisy who was in the hospital with a serious bronchial infection, is doing very well. All the prayers were very much appreciated. (3/19)
- 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 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)

- 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)
- Continued prayers of healing and health for our dear Food Pantry worker Pat Conn. (2/21)
- 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)

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 29	Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Wednesday, March 29	BSU Choir Rehearsal 7pm <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Thursday, March 30	Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm
Friday, March 31	Trans Day of Visibility event 6pm <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Saturday, April 1	Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Sunday, April 2	Breakfast 9am <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Sunday, April 2	Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday Worship w/Communion 10am <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Sunday, April 2	Youth Group lunch and talent show 11:30am <i>(Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)</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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