

## Earth Day Reflection

Think about the planet earth. What images come into your mind?  
Draw your favorite plants and animals or your favorite part of the earth.

How would you like other people to treat the things that you have drawn?

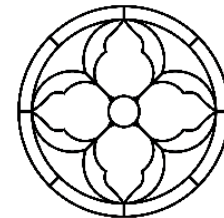
Be reminded that you are called by God to love and care for our common home – the earth.

## 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."*

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## Sunday, April 23, 2023

*Please Note: This service is subject to change by the guidance of the Holy Spirit  
\* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.*

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**Prelude**      *"Rejoicing"*      Stanton Lanier

## 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:

**\*Call to Worship** (from Philippians 4:8-9)

One: Whatever is true, whatever is holy,

**All:    Whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
          Whatever is pleasing, whatever is worthy of praise,**

One: Keep your hearts and minds on these things.  
Keep on doing what you have learned and received,  
And the God of peace will be with us.

**All:    May we come to this time of worship,  
          Focusing our hearts and minds on God  
          So we may live into the world practicing  
          God's love, grace, and mercy.**

### \*Opening Prayer

O God, you come to us in unexpected places  
In isolation, behind closed doors  
On dusty roads, as we go from place to place  
In video chats with friends  
and telephone conversations with loved ones.  
You come bringing us peace, where there is no peace  
You come bringing us hope when everything seems hopeless  
You come bringing us courage when we are afraid.  
Come and be among us now, in every place where we are.  
Open our eyes to see you, open our hearts to know you.  
In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen

**\*Opening Hymn #503:**      *"O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"*

### Kids Church Dismissal

**Scripture Reading:**      Psalm 116

**Musical Response:**      *"I Will Walk Before the Lord"*      Stephan Peters

**Gospel Reading:**      Luke 24:13-49

### \*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

**Musical Meditation:**      *"I Will Sing with the Spirit"*      John Rutter

### Sermon

**\*Hymn #480:**      *"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"*

### 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.*

### Recognition of Gifting

**Offertory:**      *"Out Here I Am Lord"*      Dan Schutte

#### \*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.*

**\*Closing Hymn #251:** *"I Greet You, Sure Redeemer"*

### Benediction

**Postlude:**      *"Cornerstone"*      Phillip Keveren

## Mustard Seeds

### Prayer List of the People For the week of April 23, 2023

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*Please note: Prayer requests should be submitted by calling the Church Office at: (508) 697-6016 or by e-mail to: [office@cscucc.com](mailto:office@cscucc.com).*

- Prayers for Mark, the husband of Rev. Dr. Mary Lou Gifford, who struggles every day with Parkinson's. (4/16)
- Prayers for the young girl, Emily, and her family. Emily was run over by her car in her driveway. (4/16)
- Prayers of celebration and thanksgiving for a successful Women's Guild Rummage sale yesterday. (4/16)
- Prayers of celebration for the Easter Sunday sunrise service donation collection, which brought in \$762 for the Bridgewater Food Pantry. (4/16)
- Prayers of celebration for Pat Conn, who is fully recovered and back working at the Food Pantry. (4/16)
- Prayers of celebration for Donna O'Neil on her birthday. (4/16)
- Our hearts and prayers go out to John Schuller and the Schuller family on the loss of our dear friend, and their wife, mother, and grandmother, Lin. (4/2)
- Prayers of celebration, and continued prayers of healing, for Nic & Aiden Cannizzo's grandfather who is home and doing outpatient rehab. (4/2)
- Prayers of celebration for Aiden Cannizzo, who was accepted to Southeastern Regional High School. (4/2)
- Prayers of comfort for the family of Mike Lally following his death, and prayers for all who suffer with depression. (4/2)
- Prayers for Gordon Brailsford's brother, Russell, who is in the hospital with a blood condition. (4/2)
- Prayers of healing for Savannah Wells' dance teacher's son, Tom. (4/2)
- 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 with surgeries and chemo, and has much more ahead. (3/26)
- Continued prayers for Diane & Peter Glass' great nephew Ben, who is doing well at his mental health facility. (3/26)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp and her family, as her father has recently been diagnosed with dementia. (3/19)
- 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 Ashley Earp and her family, as her oldest struggles with mental health issues. (3/5)
- 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)
- 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. Prayers of understanding and acceptance for the family of Jiseon. They have not been accepting of who she is and her relationship with Natalie. Prayers of love for Natalie and Jiseon.
- 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 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)

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***Continued prayers for all veterans and those serving on active duty in the military both in the United States and abroad.***

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## DATES TO REMEMBER



Sunday, April 23	<b>Worship (10am)</b> <i>(Sanctuary and Online)</i>
Sunday, April 23	<b>Feminist Women of Faith (11:30am)</b> <i>(Fireplace Room)</i>
Wednesday, April 26	<b>Thrift Shop Open (10am-1pm)</b> <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Thursday, April 27	<b>Food Pantry (10am-1pm)</b> <i>(Lower Level)</i>
Thursday, April 27	<b>Staff Meeting (10am-11am)</b> <i>(Fireplace Room)</i>
Saturday, April 29	<b>Thrift Shop Open (10am-1pm)</b> <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Sunday, April 30	<b>Worship &amp; Kids Church (10am)</b> <i>(Sanctuary and Online)</i>

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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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