

Guest Musicians

Peter Glass, Trumpet
Bob Richards, Pianist and Vocalist



Do you need a meal, a call, a prayer, spiritual care, or even just a chat?

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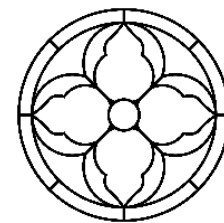
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Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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, April 30, 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 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* 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: *"My Shepherd Is the Living God"*

***Call to Worship** (with allusions to Psalm 23, John 10 and 1 Peter 2)

One: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls.

All: **The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us, who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow.**

One: This is our God!

All: **Let us worship God together with full and trusting hearts!**

***Opening Prayer** (inspired by Hebrews 11)

Shepherding God,
We know that faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
And the conviction of things not seen.
We gather in worship today convinced of many things
but know that we trust very few.
Holy God of limitless surprises,
meet us here, in this place,
as we touch that which we cannot see
and that which we have not dared to hope.
Through our worship today,
Show us your love and fill our hearts with your grace.
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

***Opening Hymn #563:** *"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"*

Kids Church Dismissal

Scripture Reading: John 10:1-10 p.872

Gospel Reading: Psalm 23 p.435

*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: *"Hymn of Grateful Praise"* John Fetteke

Sermon

***Hymn #252:** *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

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: *"Motherless Child"* Bob Richards

*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 #248:** *"Such a Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows"*

Benediction

Postlude: *"Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"*
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of April 30, 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 the family of longtime member Jeannie Parker, who recently passed away. (4/23)
- Prayers of celebration for Kathleen Mosher's friend Tami Kurahara, who is finished with her treatments. She is so grateful for all of the prayers from this community throughout her illness. (4/23)
- Prayers for Doug and Vale Sime, whose daughter recently had open heart surgery and is now on the road to recovery. (4/23)
- Prayers for the friend of David Hanson who has recently made the decision to join the Marines. (4/23)
- Prayers of celebration for the Brown family, who gathered in Rochester, NY with four generations, to celebrate Larry's 95-year-old mother. (4/23)
- Prayers also of healing to Larry Brown's mother, who recently fell and suffered a small fracture in her neck. (4/23)
- Prayers for Jamie Wells' friend Jessica, who is about to undergo her 8th or 9th colitis surgery this week. (4/23)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the Central Square Church care team: Bev Mitchell, Carol Chaffee, Mary Barnsley, Rev. Beth, and the Deacons. There has been much need recently for care, and their love and tenderness (and food) are a gift to this community. (4/23)
- Prayers of healing for Marge Doniger, as she recently fell and badly broke her shoulder. (4/23)
- Prayers for Mark, the husband of Rev. Dr. Mary Lou Gifford, who struggles every day with Parkinson's. (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, and continued prayers of healing, for Nic & Aiden Cannizzo's grandfather who is home and doing outpatient rehab. (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 Ashley Earp and her family, as her oldest struggles with mental health issues. (3/5)
- Prayers for our friend John who has not been well. (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. (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)
- 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Monday, May 1	Food Pantry open 6 – 7:30pm <i>(Church Street Entrance)</i>
Wednesday, May 3	Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Wednesday, May 3	Women's Guild Banquet 6pm <i>(Boston Tavern)</i>
Wednesday, May 3	BSU Choir Rehearsal 7pm <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Thursday, May 4	Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm <i>(Church Street Entrance)</i>
Saturday, May 6	Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Saturday, May 6	BSU Choir Spring Concert 7pm <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Sunday, May 7	Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Sunday, May 7	Breakfast 9 am <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Sunday, May 7	Worship w/Communion 10am <i>(Sanctuary and Online)</i>
Sunday, May 7	Kids Church 10am <i>(Upstairs Meeting Room)</i>
Sunday, May 7	Youth Group Nature Walk 11:30am <i>(Camp Titicut)</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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