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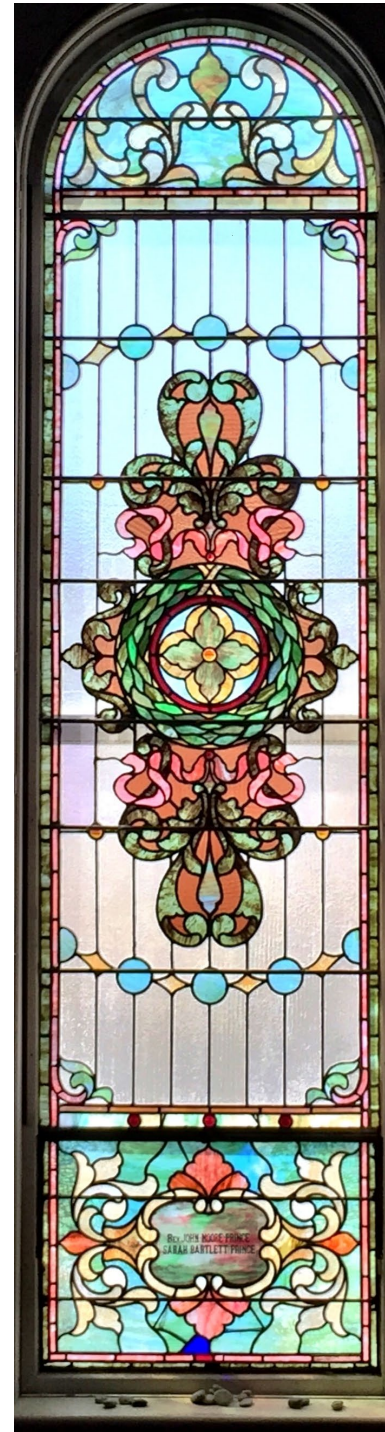
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**Central Square
Congregational
Church**



*"We are a Christian Community of people
who are reaching out
to our neighbors,
at home and abroad,
sharing our faith
& our resources."*

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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Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

10:00AM – Worship

EASTER PRELUDE: "La Rejouissance" George Frideric Handel

WELCOME

INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP:

If you are new or visiting, please include your address, phone number, and e-mail when you sign the fellowship pad so that we may properly welcome you to our church.

CHORAL INTROIT: "When in Our Music God is Glorified"
Russel Schultz-Widmar

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18 p.882

***EASTER LITANY** (*inspired by 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Acts 10:34-43*)

One: Siblings in Christ, today we tell a story.

All: Christ appeared to the disciples.

One: Siblings in Christ, today we receive a promise.

All: Christ appears to us.

One: Siblings in Christ, today is a day of hope.

All: Christ will appear again.

One: Siblings in Christ, this is the mystery we share,
This is the good news that we proclaim.

All: Christ appears to us now.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

This is the day you have made, O Holy One, and we rejoice!

Come. Let the world know you dwell with us.

Stir our souls with love and hope,

and let our feet dance for joy on your good earth.

Open our eyes to the hopes and needs of this planet,

and all who share its life.

Embolden our hearts to works of justice in your name.

Be present to us. Empower us with your resurrection of life.

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #233:** "Easter Alleluia Medley" Gary Lanier

(This piece of music incorporates verses 1-2 of Hymn #233, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." Please join us in singing those verses. The choir will cue you when it is time to sing along.)

***Please stand if you are able**

"This Order of Worship is subject to change under the guidance of the Holy Spirit"

REFLECTION

***HYMN #433:** "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

PRAYER FOR EASTER SUNDAY

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "It is Well With My Soul" Gary Lanier

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

(At this time, you are invited forward to place a flower on the cross as a symbol of new life, new beginnings, and emboldened faith.)

EASTER ACCLAMATION

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Many: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

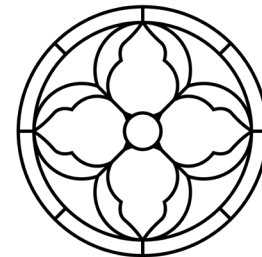
***CLOSING HYMN #240:** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

***EASTER ACCLAMATION**

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Many: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: "Fanfare from Water Music" GF Handel



EASTER FLOWERS

In loving memory of:

Connie & Gordon Brailsford	Loved Ones
Sally Burke	Terrence Burke
Krissy Cannizzo	George Mitchell & Ryan Mitchell
Connie & Steve Chandler	Loved Ones
Linda Chipman	Bryan Crowley & John Bernard
Ellen Crawford	Loved Ones
Jenne Foronjy & Sisters	Our Mom, Patty Gannon
Peter & Diane Glass	Our Parents & Nephew Jordan
Troy Hubbell	Kelly & Molly
Rachael Lawson	Lawson, Holmberg & Lopez Family
Bruce Maclay	Mom & Dad
Bev Mitchell	George H. Mitchell, we all miss you.
Denise Molinari	Loved Ones
Jane O'Connell	Loved Ones
Lynne Pietras	Mum & Dad
Dave & Diane Sheibley	John, Amber & Tom Sheibley
	Susan Wershing
	Ed Healy & Beverly Healy
Bill & Terry Reynolds	Loved Ones
Rev. Beth Stotts	Jon & Julie Lybarger
Gloria Weinrebe	Weinrebe & Taylor Families
Gail Wright	Loved Ones
Gail Wershing	Loved Ones

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of April 9, 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.

- 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)
- Prayers of celebration for Eric Stotts for Pastor's Spouse Appreciation Month. (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 of healing and health for our dear Food Pantry worker Pat Conn, who has been released from Lifecare and is now continuing to recover at home. (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)

- 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.
