

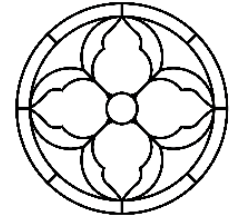
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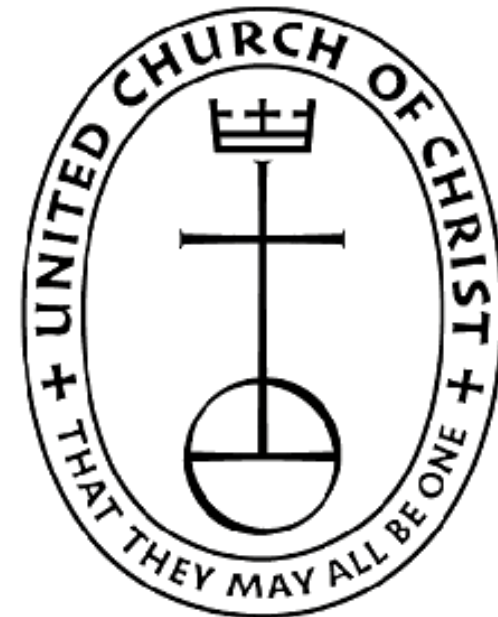
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Sunday, May 21, 2023

Please Note: This service is subject to change by the guidance of the Holy Spirit

* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

Prelude: "Ascending with Angels" David Nevue

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: "Praise to God" Junior Choir

*Call to Worship

One: We gather in this place, some empty, some filled,
some whole, some broken: yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill us.

All: We come, with these ordinary people,
who have shown us the way:
trusting that God will continue to illumine our hearts.

One: We gather in God's grace
so we might be reminded of God's love:

All: that graced, we may serve others;
that healed, we may bring hope to the world.

*Opening Prayer

One: Holy God, Because of Jesus,

All: a new community has been formed—
a community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,
a place where all find a place of belonging.

One: Because of Jesus,

All: a new creation has begun—
all that was distorted is being restored,
all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.

One: Because of Jesus,

All: We know you and ourselves in new ways.
Through our worship today,
inspire us to live into all that you dream for us. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #257:** "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus"

Moment for All Ages

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11 p.879

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:6-14 p.884

Musical Offering: "Can I Ascend" Matt Redman

Sermon: "That They May All Be One"

***Hymn #258:** "Christ, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

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.

Prayer Response: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Responding to God's Grace

Reflecting on our Gifts

Offertory: "Ascending Souls" Louis Landon

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn #260:** "Hail the Day that Sees Christ Rise"

*Benediction

Postlude: "Ascendance" Lindsey Stirling

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of May 21, 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 of celebration for the Hanson family on the birth of Brian and Samantha's son, Henry. (5/14)
- Prayers for the family of Carol Chaffee and her extended family, in the loss of her cousin and friend, Nancy, from brain cancer. (5/14)
- Prayers of health and healing for Kay Wheeler as she navigates through two cataract surgeries. (5/7)
- Continued prayers of healing for Marge Doniger, as she recently fell and badly broke her shoulder, and is at LifeCare in West Bridgewater. Cards and visitors are most welcome. (4/30)
- Continued prayers for Norm Sorgman, Mark Sorgman's father, as he continues to recover from heart surgery, and for his partner Liz Longdon who recently had a stroke. Prayers for their healing, and for finding a solution that works for both of them to be able to continue living independently. (4/30)
- 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 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 for Mark, the husband of Rev. Dr. Mary Lou Gifford, who struggles every day with Parkinson's. (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 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)



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, May 24	Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, May 24	Staff meeting 10 am (Fireplace Room)
Thursday, May 25	Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm (Church Street Entrance)
Saturday, May 27	Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, May 28	Pentecost Worship and Kids Church 10am (Sanctuary)
Sunday, May 28	Feminist Women of Faith meeting 11:30am (Fireplace Room)

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Do you need a visit? A meal? Someone to pray with?

Contact Rev. Beth, a Deacon or a member of the Care Team.

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