

Welcome
Reading of the UCC Statement of Mission and Faith
Blessing

Prayers

Celebrations and Concerns

*(Conclude your prayer with the words "This is my prayer."
Congregation responds, "This is our prayer".)*

Moment for Meditation, Reflection, & Prayer

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: *"Take My Hand Precious Lord"*

Responding to God's Grace

Reflecting on our Gifts

Offertory: *"Evening Hymn"* Henry Purcell

Pentecost Doxology

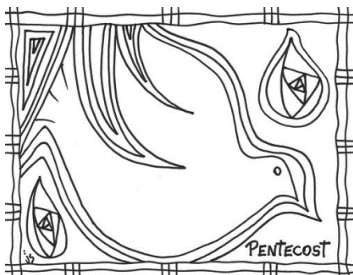
*In every yearning heart you dwell;
You give us gospel truth to tell,
And courage for the hardest days:
O Spirit, glory, thanks, and praise!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn #268:** *"Creator Spirit, Come, We Pray"*

***Benediction**

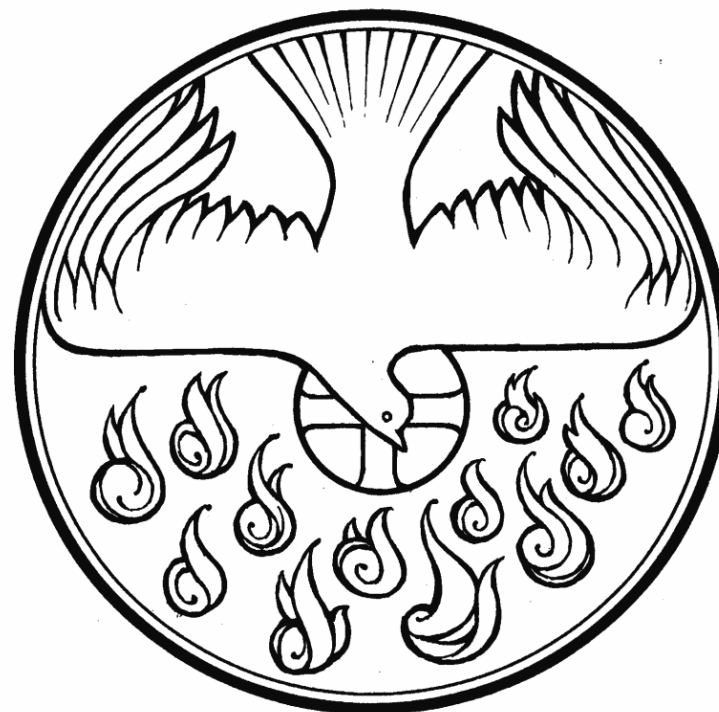
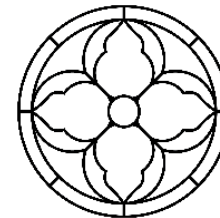
Postlude: *"Domine Deus"* Antonio Vivaldi



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, May 28, 2023

Guest Artists:

Sarah Yanovitch Vitale, soprano
Bob Richards, pianist & vocalist

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

* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

Prelude: "Hail, O Festal Day"

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: "Alleluia" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Call to Worship

One: The Day of Pentecost is here:

All: the day where the flames of faith dance in our hearts.

One: The Day of Pentecost is here:

All: the day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world.

One: The Day of Pentecost is here:

All: the day when compassion is seared into our souls.

One: The Day of Pentecost is here:

All: let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!

*Opening Prayer

Spirit of the Living God, dance with us on this day.

Sing to the groaning of creation.

Enflame us with your passion for justice.

Purify us of our grasping greediness.

Silence our gossiping tongues.

Wind of God, blow through us; Fire of God, burn within us as we gather our burning hearts together in worship on this Holy Day.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn #261:** "Let Every Christian Pray"

Moment for All Ages

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21 p.885

Musical Offering: "The Wind" Cat Stevens

Sermon: "The Language of Pentecost" Rev. Beth Stotts

***Hymn #267:** "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Ritual of Membership

Calling Forth of New Members

Introduction

Promises from the New Members

Covenanting

New Member Covenant:

We enter this community of faith with hope and possibility in our hearts, pledging to participate in and support the ministries of this church. We covenant to remain true to the spirit of Christ's love that flows through this church and guides us. We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

Promise from the Congregation:

We welcome you as once we were welcomed ourselves. We seek to be open and inclusive; respecting you, your ideas, and your vision, in times when it is easy and in times when it is difficult. We seek to be supportive, not only when you reach out in courage to us, but also when you need us to reach out to you. In return we ask that you recognize our humanity and brokenness: we will not always live up to our ideals. And when we fall short, we invite you to stay in relationship with us and help us more fully bring alive the spirit of Christ's love in the world. We welcome you as an equal member of this congregation, of this faith, and of our shared spiritual journey.

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of May 28, 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 Sandy Kuipers and her family, as they mourn the loss of her brother. (5/21)
- Prayers for the friends and family of church member Al Lindsey, who recently passed away. (5/21)
- Prayers for Marci Langevin's neighbor whose cat is missing. (5/21)
- 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 31	Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, June 1	Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm (Church Street Entrance)
Saturday, June 3	Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, June 4	Junior Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sunday, June 4	Communion Worship and Kids Church Glass & Brown Vow Renewal 10am (Sanctuary)

Please donate to our ministries!



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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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*In our church, no matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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