

***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. Amen*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, we offer up what we have to make the world a better place. We offer up what we have to bring heaven to earth. We offer up all that we are to you. Today and always. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #454:** *"Lord I Want to Be a Christian"*

***Benediction**

Postlude: *"Give Me Jesus"* *Ken Baker*

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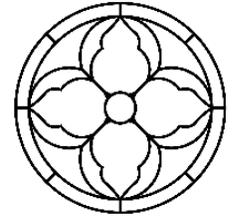
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The church office is open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am – 1pm, and open Wednesday from 11am-3pm. To make an appointment with Rev. Beth please email her at csccpastor@hotmail.com

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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



September 17, 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: "This is the Day" Marcia Wells

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Fellowship

Introit: "Jesus, I Live to You"

*Call to Worship

One: I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
From where does my help come?

**All: My help comes from God,
Who made heaven and earth.**

One: We look not to the mountains or valleys,
even heaven or earth,
for God is found among us.

**All: Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,
God is here among us.**

One: Come, let us worship the God of Creation,
The God of People, the God of Community.

**All: Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way,
Let us worship together in faith.**

Gathering Prayer

Creator God,
This is the day that You have made! This is the day
you have called Holy: Sabbath day, a rest day, a time-out,
out of the world and into your presence: a day for rejoicing.
Make us glad this morning. Remove from us our distractions,
our heart-worries, our to-dos and should-haves
and all the constant stress & strain. And in its place, O God,
give us more of You. Here, our hearts are filled with peace,
our mouths with laughter, our tongues with shouts of joy.
Bless our time together this day, That, like the waters of
baptism, transformative Love will pour from us. Amen.

***Hymn #84:** "This is the Day"

Moment for All Ages

Anthem: "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Mario Lombardo

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35 p.802

Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12 p.923

Sermon: "What Does It Mean to Be a Christian? Forgiveness"

***Hymn #461:** "Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless"

Prayers

Celebrations and Concerns

(At this time you are invited to share your prayer requests with the
congregation. When you have finished, you may say, "This is my prayer".
The congregation will reply, "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 have
sinned 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: "Giver of Life, Where're They Be"

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory: "All Creatures Great and Small"

Mustard Seeds

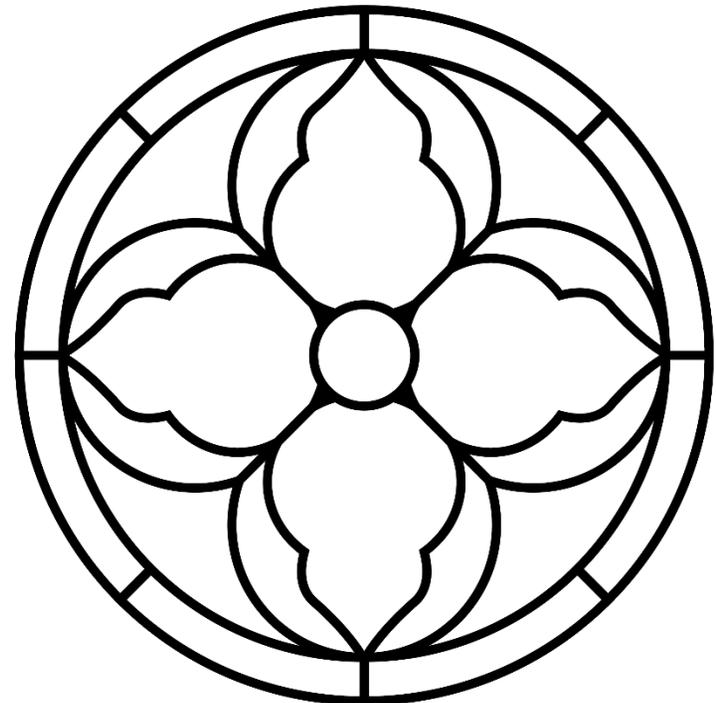
Prayer List of the People For the week of September 17, 2023

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 Aiden Cannizzo as he begins school at Southeastern Voc Tech HS, but also recently visited the ER with a serious migraine. (9/10)
- Prayers of celebration for Denise & Nick Molinari's daughter Jessica on her wedding. (9/10)
- Prayers of celebration that Carol & Philip Chaffee's new granddaughter, Ava Grace, has come home from the hospital Jill and Andrew are happy to be altogether again, and Amelia is stepping up as big sister. The family is asking for continued prayers that Ava will continue to thrive at home and be ready for her upcoming surgery in the fall. (9/12)
- Prayers of thanks from Mauree Bundock for the care and comfort given to Mike during his illness. Mike passed away on August 18. (9/10)
- Prayers for Matt and Lexi Barnsley, whose baby is scheduled to be born on 9/24 and will need heart surgery upon her arrival. (9/10)
- Prayers for Mary Barnsley's friend Colleen, and her baby boy, Kallem, who was born prematurely and remains in the hospital. (9/10)
- Prayers for the Barnsley's niece, Katherine, who is due to have her baby next week via c-section. (9/10)
- Prayers for Mary Barnsley's friend, Pat, whose brother and sister-in-law were hit by a car and killed this past week. (9/10)
- Continued prayers for Marjorie Doniger who is at Good Samaritan Hospital. (8/13)
- Prayers for Kay's friend Jeanne and her family regarding health concerns. (7/30)
- Prayers for LeeAnn Ramsey Verney, who is going through late stage cancer. (7/27)
- Continued prayers for Mark, the husband of Rev. Dr. Mary Lou Gifford, who struggles every day with Parkinson's, as well as for their family. (7/23)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp's boss who has several issues with her body. (6/25)
- Prayers of comfort for Darnell and Beverly. (6/11)
- 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 Jamie Wells' friend Jessica, who is about to undergo her 8th or 9th colitis surgery this week. (4/23)
- 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 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 those who are victims of racial prejudice, and endure verbal attacks because of it, and specifically for Natalie Mosher's girlfriend, Jiseon. (1/8)

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



DATES TO REMEMBER



- Sunday, Sept. 17**
- Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am**
(Sanctuary)
 - Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:15am**
(Sanctuary)
 - Worship 10am**
(Sanctuary)
 - Kids Church 10:15am**
(Kids Church Wing)
 - Feminists of Faith meeting 11:30am**
(Fireplace Room)
- Wednesday, Sept. 20**
- Thrift Shop open 10am-1pm**
(Fellowship Hall)
 - Cabinet Meeting 7pm**
(Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, Sept. 21**
- Food Pantry open 10am-1pm**
(Food Pantry)
 - Staff Meeting 10am**
(Fireplace Room)
 - Church Crafters 2pm**
(Fireplace Room)
- Saturday, Sept. 23**
- Thrift Shop open 10-1pm**
(Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, Sept. 24**
- Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am**
(Sanctuary)
 - Worship 10am**
(Sanctuary)
 - Kids Church 10:15am**
(Kids Church Wing)
 - Congregational meeting 11:15am**
(Sanctuary)

We are delighted to Worship with you today!

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

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

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