

\*Closing Hymn #76: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

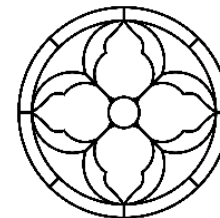
\*Benediction

Postlude: "The Ash Grove" Philip Keveren

## 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."*



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## September 24, 2023

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

\* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

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**Prelude:** "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing" R. Wetzler

## Welcome and Announcements

## Invitation to Fellowship

**Introit:** "Jesus a New Commandment"

## \*Call to Worship & Gathering Prayer

One: Holy One, Fount of Every Blessing,  
We come to you this morning,  
Opening our parched places to receive  
The springs of living water You give us.

**All: Most of the time, we don't even know we are thirsty.  
We don't know the deep dehydration  
That scours our bones and parches our hearts.**

One: Sometimes when our thirst pangs emerge,  
We draw from the enticing cells  
Of the world's offering of power and profit,  
Which leave us even more empty.

**All: Holy One, you have promised to be with us,  
And long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us  
And guide us to a future of goodness and hope.  
Still us, God, so we might listen to You.  
Speaking to us, knowing us, seeing us, loving us.  
Fill us with your Living Water  
That will transform our spirits and souls  
Into springs that burst forth with life and love  
For your people, for ourselves, and for our world.  
We worship seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness.  
Let us feel your presence in this moment,  
And welcome you into our lives always. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #412:** "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

## Moment for All Ages

**Anthem:** "Shall We Gather at the River" A Copland

**Hebrew Bible Reading:** Exodus 17:1-7 p.56

**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 2:1-13 p.954

**Sermon:** "What Does It Mean to Be a Christian? Part 2"

**\*Hymn #537:** "Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed"

## 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:** "We Offer Christ"

## Invitation to Generosity

**Offertory:** "Living Hope" Phil Wickman

### \*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.

## Mustard Seeds

### Prayer List of the People For the week of September 24, 2023

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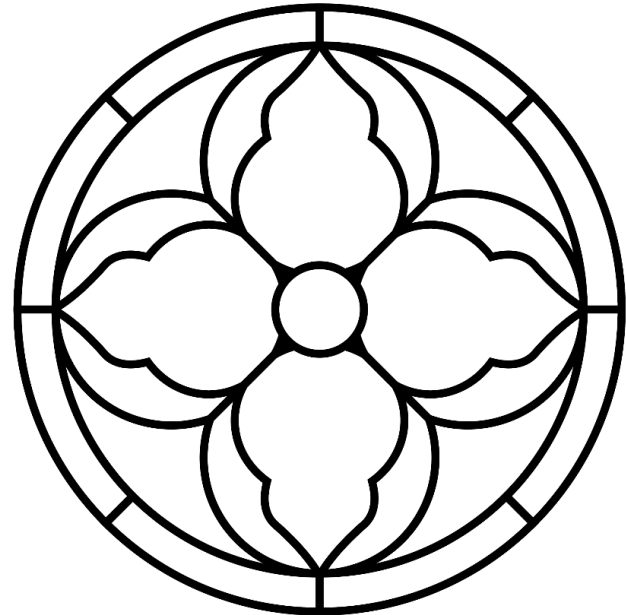
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- Continued prayers for Kathleen Mosher's friend, Judy Balzarini, who is fighting cancer. (9/17)
- Prayers for Aiden Cannizzo as he begins school at Southeastern Voc Tech HS, but also recently visited the ER with a serious migraine. (9/10)
- Prayers 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, Kalleem, 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 Bushika, 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.***

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## DATES TO REMEMBER



- Sunday, Sept. 24**  
**Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am**  
*(Sanctuary)*  
**Worship 10am**  
*(Sanctuary)*  
**Kids Church 10:15am**  
*(Kids Church Wing)*  
**Congregational meeting 11:15am**  
*(Sanctuary)*
- Tuesday, Sept. 26**  
**Crafters meet 2-4pm**  
*(Fireplace Room)*
- Wednesday, Sept. 27**  
**Thrift Shop open 10am-1pm**  
*(Fellowship Hall)*
- Thursday, Sept. 28**  
**Food Pantry open 10am-1pm**  
*(Food Pantry)*  
**Women's Guild Kitchen cleanup 10am**  
*(Kitchen)*
- Saturday, Sept. 30**  
**Thrift Shop open 10-1pm**  
*(Fellowship Hall)*  
**AutumnFest 10am – 4pm**  
*(Boyden Hall, BSU Campus)*
- Sunday, Oct. 1**  
**Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am**  
*(Sanctuary)*  
**Breakfast 9am**  
*(Fellowship Hall)*  
**Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:20am**  
*(Sanctuary)*  
**Worship w/Communion 10am**  
**Neighbors in Need Offering**  
*(Sanctuary)*  
**Kids Church 10:15am**  
*(Kids Church Wing)*

**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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