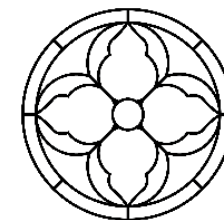




## Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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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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## November 19, 2023

*Special Guest Artist*  
*Olga Lisovska, soprano*

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:** "Prelude For the Beauty of the Earth" R. Belliston

## Welcome and Announcements

## Invitation to Fellowship

**Introit:** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" D. Light

### \*Call to Worship

One: We gather in thanksgiving for all that is good in our lives.

**All: We give thanks.**

One: May we live in thanks for the abundance of blessings.

**All: We give thanks.**

One: May we feel thank you, thank you, thank you,  
deep within our hearts and around us right now.

**All: May we be thankful, down to our bones, for this time together...**

### \*Opening Prayer

Faithful God, we come into Your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown toward us, Your people. When we call out to You, You answer. When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, You are there, standing beside us. And so we come before You in gratitude and praise, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know You here among us; open our ears to recognize Your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as Your faithful disciples.  
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn #421:** "We Gather Together"

## Ritual of Membership

**\*Hymn #422:** "Come, O Thankful People, Come"

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 1:1-14

**Choral Anthem:** "To Love Our God" Mark Hayes

**Sermon:** "Thanksgiving"

**\*Hymn #423:** "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

## 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.*

## Invitation to Generosity

**Offertory:** "Et Incarnatus" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

### \*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 #425:** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

## \*Benediction

**Postlude:** "Alleluia" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

## Mustard Seeds

### Prayer List of the People For the week of November 19, 2023

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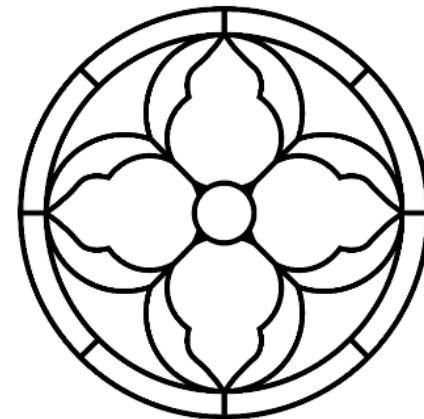
*Please note: Prayer requests should be submitted by calling the Church Office at: (508) 697-6016 or by e-mail to: [office@cscucc.com](mailto:office@cscucc.com).*

- Prayers for Liz Glad who is battling cancer. (11/15)
- Prayers for Kathleen Mosher's amazing friend who is struggling. (11/12)
- Prayers for Bob Howe, who is at Mass General with an injured leg after falling last week. (11/12)
- Continued prayers for the family of Doug Anderson, formerly of the Bridgewater area and now living in Wisconsin. His grandson, James has finished his cancer treatments and is fully immersed in daily life, but he is being monitored very closely for any signs of the cancer returning. (11/12)
- Continued prayers for Ashley Earp's dad, as the family adjusts to his dementia diagnosis. (11/12)
- Continued prayers for Ashley Earp's daughter, Ava, who is doing well transitioning into her new school, which is definitely helping with her mental health. (11/12)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp's boss who is struggling with pain and hoping to get surgery scheduled in Feb/March. (11/12)
- Prayers for Jamie Wells' friend Jessica, who is recovering from yet another surgery last week (but doing well) and is facing one more in the coming months. (11/12)
- Prayers for Jack, Keira, and Mike Balzarini as they face the upcoming holiday season without Judy. (11/5)
- Prayers of celebration for Mary & Brad Barnsley's granddaughter, Beatrix, who came home from the hospital this week. Continued prayers also for her health and healing. (11/5)
- Prayers for the family of Marge Doniger, who passed away this week. (10/30)
- Prayers for Nancy Schooley, sister of Kay Wheeler, for health issues. (10/29)
- Asking God for love and prayers for both the Israeli people and for the people of Palestine. Both need our prayers, for all of the innocent people on both sides. (10/22)

- Prayers for friends of John Schuller, The Herbert Family, whose daughter, 21, is near the end of her battle with cancer. (10/20)
- Continued prayers for Diane & Peter Glass' great nephew Ben, who is in a group home and doing well. (10/15)
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East. (10/15)
- Nina Gabel-Jorgensen asks for prayers for everyone who is exhausted and overwhelmed by a heavy heart due to world events, climate change, and gun violence. (10/15)
- Prayers for Robert at Walgreens, who donated all his pocket change to our church and asked for a prayer. (10/15)
- Prayers for Terry Reynolds' niece, Jill, who is having a difficult recovery after surgery that went wrong. (10/8)
- Prayers for Terry Reynolds' nephew, Garret, who has been in and out of the hospital. (10/8)
- Prayers for the Barnsley's niece, Katherine, who had her daughter and mother and baby are doing well. (9/29)
- 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 of comfort for Darnell and Beverly. (6/11)

***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, Nov. 19**

**Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am**

*(Sanctuary)*

**Breakfast 9am**

*(Fellowship Hall)*

**Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:20am**

*(Sanctuary)*

**Worship 10am**

*(Sanctuary and Online)*

**Kids Church 10:15am**

*(Kids Church Wing)*

**Lin Schuller Memorial Recital 3pm**

*(Sanctuary)*

**Tuesday, Nov. 21**

**Community Thanksgiving Service 7pm**

*(Sanctuary)*

**Wednesday, Nov. 22**

**Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm**

*(Fellowship Hall)*

**Saturday, Nov. 25**

**Thrift Shop open 10am-1pm**

*(Fellowship Hall)*

**Sunday, Nov. 26**

**Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am**

*(Sanctuary)*

**Worship 10am**

*(Sanctuary and Online)*

**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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# **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.

## **Welcome**

## **Reading of the UCC Statement of Mission and Faith**

- One: As people of the United Church of Christ, we seek within the Church Universal to participate in God's mission and to follow the way of the crucified and risen Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called and commit ourselves:
- All: **To praise God, confess our sin, and joyfully accept God's forgiveness;**  
**To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our suffering world;**  
**To embody God's Love for all people;**  
**To hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace;**  
**To name and confront the powers of evil within and among us;**  
**To repent our silence and complicity with the forces of chaos and death;**  
**To preach and teach with the power of the living Word;**  
**To join oppressed and troubled people in the struggle for liberation;**  
**To work for justice, healing, and wholeness of life;**  
**To embrace the unity of Christ's church;**  
**To discern and celebrate the present and coming reign of God.**

## **Blessing**