

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory: *"Transfigured"* Kevin Ransom

***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 Thanksgiving**

Mighty God, bless all that we have to give. May our gifts be used in mutual support. Bless those who receive and benefit from these gifts. May they know your presence with them. With these gifts, our prayers rise up to you. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #184:** *"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"*

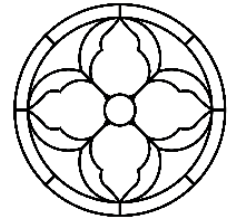
***Benediction**

Postlude: *"Christus Paradox"* Sylvia Dunstan

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."*



February 11, 2024

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

* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

Prelude: "Prelude on Hyfrodol" Margaret Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

Kids Church Dismissal

Invitation to Fellowship

Introit: "O God, As With a Potter's Hand"

***Entry into Worship:** (based on Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-9, Luke 9:28-36, 2 Peter 1:19)

One: Today we are celebrating the holy light that illuminated Jesus. We celebrate his transfiguration on the mountain.

All: Light of light: transfusing & transforming light.

One: Divine light flooding out the shadows.

**All: It is the same God who at the beginning said:
"Let there be light,"
who has shone in our hearts with an understanding
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

One: The mightiest One of all, God the Eternal,
speaks and summons the whole earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**All: From God's holy mountain, God's light,
the perfection of beauty, shines out.**

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, in this hour of worship,
please help us listen to you.
Help us open our hearts to your grace.
Help us believe, help us love.
Show us your dazzling glory hidden in our everyday lives.
Though we struggle with belief and un-belief,
make us one with you, and let us bring your life and light
to all people. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #182:** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

Prayer For Transformation and New Life

One: God invites us to come to worship as our whole selves. God offers us a new beginning day by day and week by week. Trusting in God, we pray for transformation and new life:

All: Mighty God, you call to us and ask us to live in covenant and walk in righteousness, yet we forsake your covenant and walk in ways of injustice, ignorance, or disdain. Your beauty shines forth in creation, yet we abuse and tarnish what you have created. May we be willing to do the hard thing: may we see what is happening. May we see what we do. Renew us. Let us receive a double portion of your renewing spirit. Amen.

Words of Grace

Anthem "Glorificana" Carol Wiggins

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10 pg. 820

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 pg. 939

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

Sermon "Thin Places"

***Hymn #183:** "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

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.

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of February 11, 2024

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 Linda Chipman's friend Paul Martino as he faces his last journey here on earth due to illness. (2/4)
- Continued prayers for Dave Sheibley who is facing another eye surgery this week. (2/4)
- Prayers for Jessica, friend of Jamie Wells, on the sudden death of her brother CJ. (1/28)
- Carol and Philip Chaffee's granddaughter Ava Grace is home from the hospital after her open heart surgery. Continued prayers for her full recovery and for making great strides in the months ahead. (1/30)
- Prayers for Roger Hanson, who needs a hip replacement but has other concerns that make the surgery difficult. (1/28)
- Brianna and Liam O'Connell ask for prayers for Eddie and his family and friends, as Eddie passes from this life. He has been a steadfast coworker and friend of Brianna's husband Bob. (1/28)
- Prayers for Jamie Wells as she starts a new chapter in her career with a new job. (1/21)
- Prayers for a clean MRI result for Ashley Earp. (1/21)
- Prayers for the Molinari's' friend Chuck Humphries, who is 97 and is slowly going downhill. Prayers for him and his family. (1/21)
- Prayers for Denise Molinari's aunt, Ruth Copeland, for health issues. (1/21)
- Prayers for Eric Thompson, Sue Corcoran's nephew, who is struggling with mental health problems. (1/21)
- Prayers for Frank Ciaramitaro's Aunt Carmen who has been diagnosed with cancer. (12/24)
- Continued prayers of healing and recovery for Mary & Brad Barnsley's granddaughter, Beatrix. (12/22)
- Continued prayers for Ashley Earp's dad, who has dementia. (12/22)
- Prayers for Bob Howe, who is home recovering from a leg injury. (12/17)
- Prayers for friends of John Schuller, The Herbert Family, whose granddaughter is struggling with mental health issues. (11/26)

- Prayers for Kathleen Mosher's amazing friend who is struggling. (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)
- 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)
- 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 peace in the Middle East. (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 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.

Please note: We, the church, are in constant prayer for our church family, our community, our nation, and our world. We are in need of prayer, all of us. It is what brings us together! If you have requested an addition to the prayer list, it is helpful for you to provide updates to the church office, whenever possible, or request that the prayer concern be removed as it is no longer a concern or the issue has passed. If we have removed a prayer concern and you would like it added back to the list because there is a great need to keep the prayer in the forefront of our hearts and minds, please go ahead and make this known to the church office. Thank you!

What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, Feb 11
Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am
(Sanctuary)
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:30am
(Sanctuary)
Worship 10am
(Sanctuary and Online)
Kids Church 10:15am
(Kids Church Wing)
Living Gift Market 11am-Noon
(Fellowship Hall)
Feminists of Faith 11:30am
(Fireplace Room)

Wednesday, Feb 14
Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm
(Fellowship Hall)
Ash Wednesday Service 7pm
(Sanctuary)
Property & Finance Meeting 7pm
(Fireplace Room)

Thursday, Feb 15
Food Pantry open 10am-1pm
(Food Pantry)
Staff Meeting 10am
(Fireplace Room)
Steeple Sounds submissions due!

Saturday, Feb 17
Thrift Shop open 10am-1pm
(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, Feb 18
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?

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

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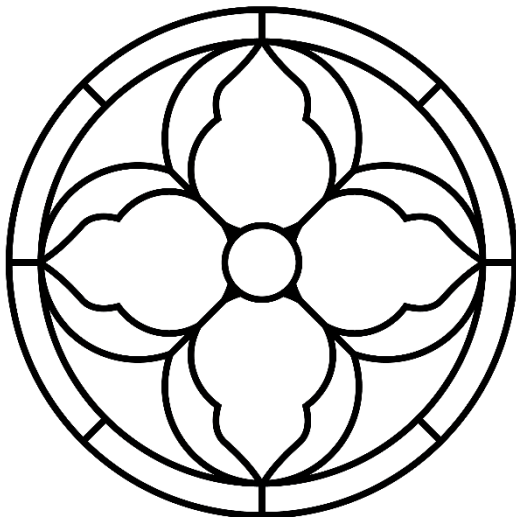
To contact the Church Office:

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The church office is open Tuesday from 9-11am,
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am – 1pm.

To make an appointment with Rev. Beth please email her
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BY REV. E.M. MAGILL

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Feb. 28 - Mar. 27, plus
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