

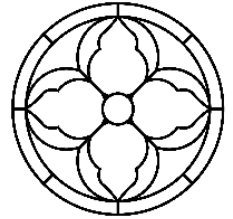


**LENTEN STUDY:
LENT, POVERTY,
& CHRISTIANITY**
BY REV. E.M. MAGILL

Wednesdays at 10am
Feb. 28 - Mar. 27, plus
Friday, Mar. 29

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC
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End of Life Planning
With Rev. Beth Stotts

Saturday, March 30, 10am
in the church Fireplace Room

All are welcome.



March 17, 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: "Grace" Richard Kingsmore

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Fellowship

Introit: "O For a Closer Bond with God"

*Call to Worship:

One: Remember the story of our faith.

All: We are the people God has delivered.

One: Rejoice in the hope of our faith.

All: God goes with us, step by step.

One: Cling to the promise of our faith.

All: God will never abandon us.

*Opening Prayer

God of grains and grace, we gather today seeking to follow in the way of Jesus. The path he chose for his disciples was one of service and it requires of us that we serve you with our whole heart. May our worship this day inspire our dying and rising with you as we seek to love and serve like Jesus. May it be so. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #210:** "Said Judas to Mary"

Moment for All Ages

Hebrew Bible Reading: Psalm 119:9-16

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-36

*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.*

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

God of love, we confess that our ego can all too often get in the way of our ability to serve you and others. We lack trust in you to provide for our every need. We rely on our own strength. Forgive us our false ways and transform us and raise us to new life. Amen.

Words of Grace

Anthem: "Shepherd Me, O God" Marty Haugen

Sermon

***Hymn #455:** "I Am Yours, O Lord"

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".)

Sending Blessing for Ed and Donna Buckland

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: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Jessie S. Irvine

***Lenten Doxology** *(see insert)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God who causes our lives to rise, we lay down to you the abundance you have given us and allow it to fall so that you may multiply it to give life to your world. May it be so. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #315:** "O Word of God Incarnate"

*** Musical Benediction:** "Sing Me to Heaven" D. E. Gawthorp

Postlude: "Grace" Marianna Kim

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of March 17, 2024

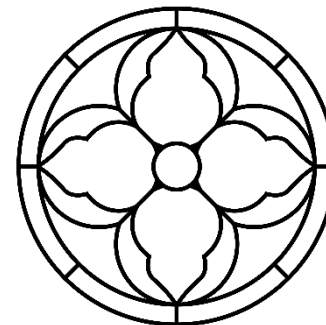
Please note: Prayer requests should be submitted by calling the Church Office at: (508) 697-6016 or by e-mail to: office@cscucc.com.

- Prayers for Sue and her daughter as her daughter struggles with a long-term eating disorder. (3/10)
- Prayers for Louise Brown. (3/10)
- Prayers of thanks for a safe trip back to the states for Frank Ciaramitaro's parents. (3/10)
- Continued prayers for the grandson of Doug Anderson. James, now 9, has been cancer free for 4 months but now has a collapsed bowel and had to have his feeding tube rerouted. (3/4)
- Prayers for the family and friends of Denise & Nick Molinari's friend, Chuck Humphries, who passed away. (3/3)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp, for a smooth iron infusion Monday. (3/3)
- Prayers for Seth Yeaton and the Yeaton family in the passing of Judy Yeaton. (3/3)
- Carol and Philip Chaffee's granddaughter Ava Grace is making great strides after surgery. A special focus is being given to her learning how to eat, drink, and swallow food. Continued prayers for her full recovery and for making great strides in the months ahead. (3/3)
- Prayers for Linda Chipman's friend Paul Martino as he faces his last journey here on earth due to illness. (2/4)
- 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 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)
- 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)

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, March 17
Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am
(Sanctuary)
Breakfast served 9-10am
(Fellowship Hall)
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:20am
(Sanctuary)
Worship 10am
(Sanctuary and Online)
Kids Church 10:10am
(Kids Church Wing)

Tuesday, March 19
Staff Meeting 10am
(Fireplace Room)

Wednesday, March 20
Thrift Shop open 10am-1pm
(Fellowship Hall)
Lenten Study 10am
(Fireplace Room)
Cabinet Meeting 7pm
(Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, March 21
Food Pantry open 10am-1pm
(Church Street Entrance)

Saturday, March 22
Thrift Shop open 10am-1pm
(Fellowship Hall)
Women's Walk 3pm
(Offsite)

Sunday, March 23
Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am
(Sanctuary)
Palm Sunday Worship 10am
(Sanctuary and Online)
Kids Church 10:10am
(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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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 at csccpastor@hotmail.com.

Lenten Doxology

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R. G. Huff

FINLANDIA
Jean Sibelius

O suf-f'ring Je - sus, in these for - ty days. We view your sor - row,
share in your dis - tress. Our Len - ten songs are filled with mu - ted praise;
Yet by your pas - sion, we are tru - ly blessed. We praise the Fa - ther!
We praise you, the Son! — Praise to the Spir - it, our God, Three in One.
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Praise to our God, and

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