

Sharing Our Gifts

Invitation to Give

Offertory:

“The Hurt and the Healer” by B. Graul

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

God, as your church we reflect your hopes for humanity.
We offer these gifts and ask you to guide us
to loving management of all we are given
in order to further your work in our midst. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #553:** *“There Is a Balm In Gilead”*

***Benediction**

Postlude: *“Thank You for Healing Me”* by M. Redman

**Central Square Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**



Bridgewater, Massachusetts

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



September 22, 2019

10:00 AM

Processional: *“There Is a Balm in Gilead”* by G. Austin

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Fellowship: *If you are new or visiting, please
include your address, phone number, and email when you sign the
fellowship pad so that we may properly welcome you to our
church.*

Jr. Choral Introit: *“This Is the Day!”* by P. Sosa

***Call to Worship**

One: Though our hearts may be troubled,
we come risking joy:

All: God is our balm.

One: Though we weep over woes of the day,
we are here seeking hope:

All: God soothes our discomfort.

One: Though our lives are often difficult,
we gather for strength:

**All: God restores our souls and cares for us;
God calms our anguish and dries our tears.
Let us call on the Holy One, and rejoice in God,
ever our source of solace in our daily journey,
ever our comforter in times of trial. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** *“Christ, the Great Physician”* (See Insert)

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*Please stand if you are able

“This Order of Worship is subject to change under the guidance of the Holy Spirit”

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

God of our hearts,
you are our Physician in times of hurt;
your balm heals our wounds.
You hear our prayers, intercessions, and supplications.
We welcome your presence.
Together in your sanctuary we rejoice in your embrace
and offer you our boundless praise.
Sometimes God we take ourselves so seriously
—our opinions, our emotions, our needs, our entitlements—
that we fail to notice our effect on others.
And we do not make connections between our limitless wants
and the resources left for others.
We do this without knowing it.
Bring our awareness to Justice for all
—to the common good, to your universality of blessings.
Remind us you love all.

...*Silent Meditation*...

Assurance of God's Grace

Scripture Reading: Psalm 113 (Bible Pg.491)

*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.*

Moment for All Ages

Anthem: "All Creatures of Our God and King" by M. Lombardo

Gospel Reading: Luke 16: 1-13 (Bible Pg.851)

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (Bible Pg.966)

Sermon

***Hymn:** "Bless the Lord, O Saints and Servants"
To the Tune of #307

1 Bless the LORD, O saints and servants;
praise the might of God's great name:
ageless, matchless, filled with wonder,
yesterday, today, the same.
When the dawn receives the sunrise
till the night returns its rays,
shall the glory of God's goodness
be the theme of all our praise.

2 Who in heaven can be God's equal,
who on earth with God compare?
Who can raise the poor from ashes,
lift the needy from despair?
God alone invites the helpless
with the strong to share reward;
fields once barren yield a harvest,
tongues once silent praise their LORD

Prayers

Celebrations and Concerns

Moment for Meditation

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 sin 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: "O Christ the Healer, We Have Come"