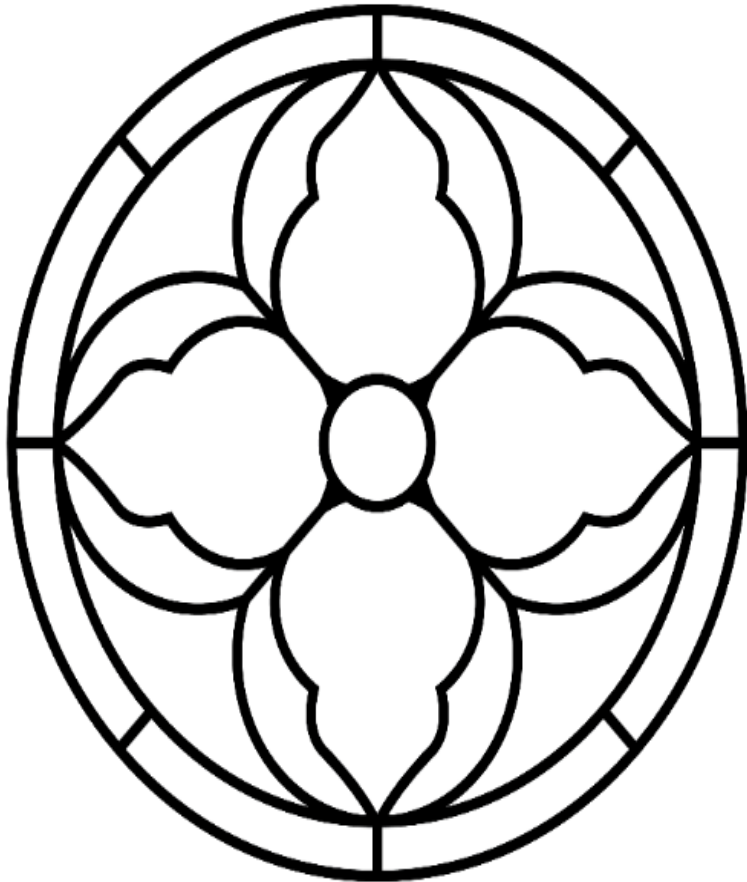
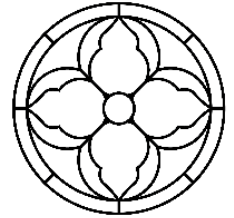


Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

71 Central Square, Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02324



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



Sunday, May 7, 2023

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

* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

Prelude *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"* H. Purcell

Welcome and Announcements

Announcements and Invitation to Fellowship (If you are new or visiting, please include your address, phone number, and e-mail address when you sign the fellowship pad at the end of the pew so that we may properly welcome you to our community.)

Introit: *"Christ Will Come Again"*

***Call to Worship** (based on Acts 17:22-31)

One: We gather together to worship the God of heaven and earth,

All: the Maker of the Universe and all it contains;

One: the One who gives life and breath to all things,

All: and satisfies every need. This is the God we worship!

***Opening Prayer** (based on Ephesians 2:20)

Almighty God, you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple,
acceptable to you: through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #26:** *"We Worship You, God"*

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14 p.877

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10 p.984

Musical Meditation: *"And the Father Will Dance"* M. Hayes

Sermon

***Hymn #493:** *"O Jesus I Have Promised"*

Prayers

Celebrations and Concerns

(Conclude your prayer with the words "This is my prayer."
Congregation responds, "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 sin against us.*

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Musical Response

Recognition of Gifting

Offertory: *"In My Father's House"* Philip Stopford

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Service of Communion

***Communion Hymn #331:** *"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"*

Invitation

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Communion at CSCCUCC is Open Table. All are welcome.
The elements are gluten free and non-alcoholic.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn #400:** *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

Benediction

Postlude *"Dance With My Father"* Luther Vandross

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of May 7, 2023

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 of care and celebration offered by Philip Chaffee on the 73rd anniversary of his mother, Anne Chaffe, and his late father. (4/30)
- Continued prayers of healing for Marge Doniger, as she recently fell and badly broke her shoulder, and is at Lifecare in West Bridgewater. Cards and visitors are most welcome. (4/30)
- Continued prayers for Norm Sorgman, Mark Sorgman's father, as he continues to recover from heart surgery, and for his partner Liz Longdon who recently had a stroke. Prayers for their healing, and for finding a solution that works for both of them to be able to continue living independently. (4/30)
- Prayers for the family of longtime member Jeannie Parker, who recently passed away. (4/23)
- 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 the friend of David Hanson who has recently made the decision to join the Marines. (4/23)
- Prayers of celebration for the Brown family, who gathered in Rochester, NY with four generations, to celebrate Larry's 95-year-old mother. (4/23)
- Prayers also of healing to Larry Brown's mother, who recently fell and suffered a small fracture in her neck. (4/23)
- Prayers for Jamie Wells' friend Jessica, who is about to undergo her 8th or 9th colitis surgery this week. (4/23)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the Central Square Church care team: Bev Mitchell, Carol Chaffee, Mary Barnsley, Rev. Beth, and the Deacons. There has been much need recently for care, and their love and tenderness (and food) are a gift to this community. (4/23)
- Prayers for Mark, the husband of Rev. Dr. Mary Lou Gifford, who struggles every day with Parkinson's. (4/16)
- Prayers of celebration for the Easter Sunday sunrise service donation collection, which brought in \$762 for the Bridgewater Food Pantry. (4/16)
- Prayers of celebration, and continued prayers of healing, for Nic & Aiden Cannizzo's grandfather who is home and doing outpatient rehab. (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 recently 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 our friend John who has not been well. (2/12)
- Prayers for all those affected by the opioid crisis, and specifically for Ellen Crawford's co-worker, who recently lost her brother. (2/12)
- Continued prayers for Mark Sorgman's brother, Todd, who is doing well following his stroke and is recovering at home. (1/29)
- 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)
- Prayers of health, healing, and courage for Judy Balzarini, friend of Kathleen Mosher, as she fights cancer. (12/11)
- Prayers of strength and recovery for Bob and Michelle, friends of Bill O'Neil, who both suffer from substance abuse. (12/11)
- Prayers for Bette DeKoning's brother and sister-in-law, who have both experienced serious heart issues recently. (12/11)
- Continued prayers of healing and support for Mike Bundock as he continues his treatment for brain cancer. (11/6)
- Prayers of understanding and acceptance for the family of Natalie Mosher's girlfriend, Jiseon. They have not been accepting of who she is and her relationship with Natalie. Prayers of love as well for Natalie and Jiseon.
- Prayers for Bonnie, friend of Steve Boudreau, who is struggling with stomach cancer and not doing well. (10/23)
- Prayers for members of Gloria Weinrebe's family who have experienced the passing of a family member; whose son was in a motorcycle accident; whose daughter-in-law has medical concerns that are keeping her from working; and for other family members facing medical issues. (9/25)

Continued prayers for all veterans and those serving on active duty in the military both in the United States and abroad.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Tuesday, May 9	Outreach Meeting <i>(Fireplace Room)</i>
Wednesday, May 10	Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Wednesday, May 10	Trustees meeting 7pm <i>(Fireplace Room)</i>
Thursday, May 11	Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm <i>(Church Street Entrance)</i>
Saturday, May 13	Thrift Store open 10am – 1pm <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Sunday, May 14	Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Sunday, May 14	Worship 10am <i>(Sanctuary)</i>

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or where you are on life's journey,
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