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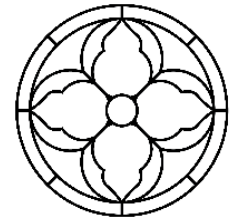
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## Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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, September 3, 2023**

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

## Welcome and Announcements

## Announcements and Invitation to Fellowship

## Introit

### \*Call to Worship

One: In all our weakness and strength,  
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

**All: we come to be your people, O God.**

One: Strong in faith and eager with questions,  
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

**All: we come to be your people, O God.**

One: Filled with saintly determination  
yet mindful of our human limitations,

**All: we come to be your people, O God.**

One: Made strong in your endless love for us,  
we know ourselves to be yours and

**All: we come to be your people, O God.**

One: May we truly become your people today. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Invocation and Confession

### \*Opening Hymns:

#421: *"We Gather Together"*

#27: *"From All That Dwells Below the Skies"*

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28**

### \*Hymns:

#503: *"O Savior, Let Me Walk With You"*

#476: *"My Life Flows On In Endless Song"*

#475: *"God's Eye Is On The Sparrow"*

## Epistle Reading: Romans 12:9-21

### \*Hymns:

#286: *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

#293: *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

#237: *"I Come to the Garden Alone"*

### 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

### \*Closing Hymns

#81: *"God Be With You"*

#82: *"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"*

#249: *Peace I Leave With You, My Friends"*



## Mustard Seeds

### Prayer List of the People For the week of September 3, 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 Rev. Beth as recovers from sinus surgery. (8/29)
- Prayers for the family and friends of Mike Bundock, who passed away. (8/20)
- Continued prayers for Marjorie Doniger who is at Good Samaritan Hospital. (8/13)
- Prayers for our granddaughter, Ava Grace Kennett as she continues to be hospitalized for heart complications, after being born on June 28. We are praying she will be able to come home soon. -- Carol and Philip Chaffee (8/1)
- Prayers for Kay's friend Jeanne and her family regarding health concerns. (7/30)
- 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 for Mary Barnsley's son, Matt and her daughter-in-law Lexi, as well as their daughter who is due to be born in October, who has some serious heart complications and will need surgery upon her arrival. (7/2)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp's boss who has several issues with her body. (6/25)
- Prayers for Mindi and Marci's mother, Patricia Grace Langevin, and for the whole family. She has pneumonia and other medical complications, and seek healing, answers, and solutions to her recovery. (6/19)
- John Sharland celebrated that he attended the annual SNEUCC Conference meeting, and prays that next year others will be interested in attending. (6/18)
- David Hanson celebrated that he had his son, Lukas, in worship with him on Sunday, for Father's Day. (6/18)
- Continued prayers for Bob Hanson who was in a car accident and injured his pelvis, and is now recovering in rehab. (6/18)
- Prayers for family and friends of Clyde Campbell and Jose Aguilar, as they both passed away last week.
- Prayers for Mel Lambert whose husband recently passed away. (6/11)
- Prayers of comfort for Darnell and Beverly. (6/11)
- Prayers for healing for Diane Sheibley who broke her ankle and recently had surgery on it. (6/11)
- Prayers for Ginnie Howell for health issues. (5/28)
- Continued prayers of healing for Diane Sheibley's friend, Bob, who recently had a stroke. (5/28)
- Continued prayers of healing for Marge Doniger, as she is at LifeCare in West Bridgewater. Cards and visitors are most welcome. (5/28)
- Prayers for Sandy Kuipers and her family, as they mourn the loss of her brother. (5/21)
- 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 Doug and Vale Sime, whose daughter recently had open heart surgery and is now on the road to recovery. (4/23)
  - Prayers also of healing to Larry Brown's mother, who fell and suffered a small fracture in her neck. (4/23)
  - Prayers for Mark, the husband of Rev. Dr. Mary Lou Gifford, who struggles every day with Parkinson's. (4/16)
  - Prayers for Gordon Brailsford's brother, Russell, who is in the hospital with a blood condition. (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 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)
  - 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)

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***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



Monday, Sept. 4	<b>Church office closed in observance of Labor Day</b> <i>(Church office)</i>
Tuesday, Sept. 5	<b>Crafters 2pm</b> <i>(Fireplace Room)</i>
Wednesday, Sept. 6	<b>Thrift Shop open 10am – 1pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
Thursday, Sept. 7	<b>Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm</b> <i>(Church Street Entrance)</i>
Sunday, Sept. 10	<b>Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am</b> <i>(Sanctuary)</i> <b>Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:15am</b> <i>(Sanctuary)</i> <b>Worship 10am (Rally Sunday and Communion)</b> <i>(Sanctuary and online)</i> <b>Kids Church 10:15am</b> <i>(Kids Church Classrooms)</i> <b>Community BBQ 11:15am-1pm</b> <i>(Front Lawn)</i>

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## 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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