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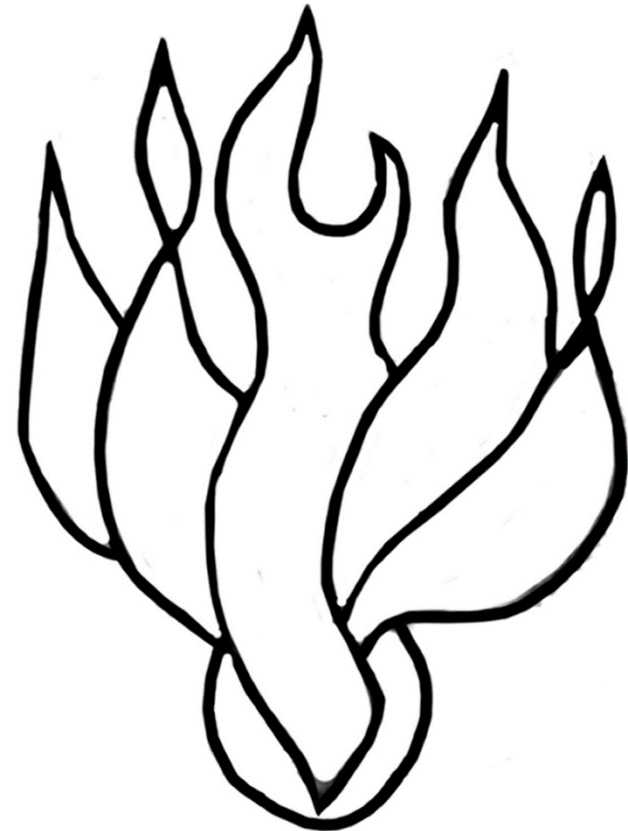
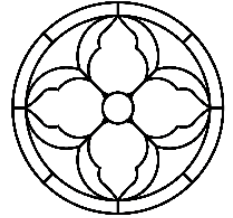
The church office is open Tuesday from 11am-3pm,
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday from 9am – 1pm.

To make an appointment with Rev. Beth, please
email her at csccpastor@hotmail.com.

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."*



September 15, 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: "Glory and Praise to Our God" Dan Schutte

Welcome and Announcements & Invitation to Fellowship

Introit: "Like a Bird"

***Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 22, Psalm 71:12, Mark 8:31-38)

One: We come to worship this morning from different places.

All: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

One: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

All: We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

One: He speaks to us, whispering to us, "Follow me."

All: O God, we thank you for drawing near to us in this place,
in our lives and in our hearts.

***Opening Prayer:**

O God from whom every gift derives,
we gather to worship You this day.

You are greater than our comprehension or our imagination.

You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe You.

And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of Your vast love.

We gather to worship You in thanksgiving and praise,

Instill in us, Your hope in place of our despair,

Your peace where our hatred threatens,

Your joy amidst our depression,

Your love overwhelming our apathy.

May Your Holy Spirit surround this congregation now,
and forevermore. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #55:** "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

Moment for All Ages

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

Epistle Reading: James 3:1-12

Anthem: "I Choose Love" Mark A. Miller

Sermon

***Hymn #378:** "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

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

Invitation to Give

Offertory: "Miserere Deus, Mei" Gregorio Allegri

*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.

***Closing Hymn #391:** "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

*Benediction

Postlude: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Rick Founds



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!*

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.

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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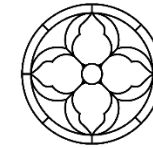
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What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, Sept.15

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am

(Sanctuary)

Worship 10am

(Sanctuary and Online)

Kids Church 10:15pm

(Kids Church Meeting Room)

Church Potluck 11am

(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Advanced Care Planning 11am

(Bridgewater Senior Center)

Wednesday, Sept.18

Thrift Shop 10am-1pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Staff Meeting 10am – 11am

(Fireplace Room)

Cabinet 7pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, Sept. 19

Food Pantry 10am-1pm

(Church Street)

Crafters 2-3pm

(Fireplace Room)

Friday, Sept. 20

Writer's Group 7pm

(Fireplace Room)

Saturday, Sept.21

Thrift Shop 10am-1pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, Sept. 22

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am

(Sanctuary)

Worship 10am

(Sanctuary and Online)

Kids Church 10:15pm

(Kids Church Meeting Room)

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of September 15, 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.

- Kay Wheeler asks for prayers for her sister Nancy who fell and broke her hip after a stroke. (9/10)
- Savannah Wells offers prayers of thanks for her parents and grandparents, Jamie Wells, Shawn Wells, Linda Chipman, and Gerald Chipman, who work very hard for a good life. (9/8)
- Savannah Wells asks for prayers for her boyfriend, Declan Cronin, whose dog is sick and doesn't know how long he has left on earth. (9/8)
- Prayers for a friend who is in long term care due to MS. (9/8)
- Prayers for Rich Sullivan's brother, Barry, who is recovering from brain surgery. (8/28)
- Prayers for Lori Kelso and her family on the death of her mother. (8/27)
- Prayers for Deb Sorgman and her family on the death of her Dad. (8/27)
- Continued prayers for Roger and Helen Hanson as they have both persevered through many health challenges and still face some uncertainties regarding their health and recovery. (8/19)
- Continued prayers of healing for David Hanson, who is making steady progress with his recovery from a fall. (8/19)
- Prayers for Sheri Turner, who has multiple injuries to her leg and knee, and is on crutches for at least 4 weeks. (8/15)
- Prayers for Sheri Turner's mother-in-law, who had a fall recently and lives alone. (8/7)
- Prayers for Todd Sorgman, who has prostate cancer. (6/9)
- Prayers for Norma Sorgman, who has a heart condition. (6/9)
- Continued prayers for the Glass' niece Jennifer, who continues to have severe issues with anxiety. (6/9)
- Stephanie Holmgren asks for prayers for a lovely woman, Michelle, who is going through chemotherapy for cancer. She is a mother of 3 and a woman of faith. (6/9)
- Prayers for 9-year-old Vivian, who has leukemia, and her mother, Jen. (5/19)
- Renewed prayers for the grandson of Doug Anderson. James has a recurrence of CA in his spine and liver. (5/5)
- Prayers of healing for Bethany Baptista's son, Domingos, as he recovers from a serious fall. (5/5)

- Prayers for Sheri Turner's brother, Bill Lallas, who is in the hospital with multiple organ failure. (5/1)
- Prayers for Rachel Lawson's nephew Leo, who has type 1 diabetes and is experiencing intestinal dysfunction. (4/14)
- Prayers for a dear friend of Mary Barnsley, Linda, who is having heart issues. (4/7)
- Prayers for Cheryl Cardillo, who is healing from surgery and a new cancer diagnosis. (4/7)
- Prayers of peace and comfort from cancer for Brian Q. (4/7)
- 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)
- Continued prayers for Ashley Earp's dad, who has dementia. (12/22)
- 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.

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!