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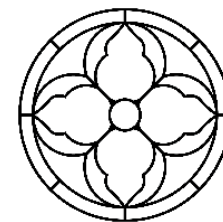
The church office is open Tuesday from 11am-3pm,
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday from 9am – 1pm.

To make an appointment with Rev. Beth, please
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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."*



November 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: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Glenda Austin

Welcome, Announcements, & Invitation to Fellowship

Introit: "Like a Tree Beside the Waters"

*Call to Worship:

One: Friends, we gather knowing what God desires of us:

**All: That we do justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with God.**

One: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

**All: To remember that now is always the right time
to do these things.**

One: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer: (based on Jeremiah 31: 31-34)

O God of our Hearts,

You yearn to be so close to us that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship.

Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the covenant of justice, peace and love you have written on our hearts.

So may our desires become your desires, our work become your work, and our community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***Opening Hymn #282:** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Moment for All Ages

Hebrew Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20 pg.213

Hebrew Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 pg.214

Anthem: "Sound Forth the Trumpet in Zion" T. Morley

Sermon

***Hymn #609:** "Now is the Time Approaching"

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

The Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory: "On Wings of Song" F. Mendelssohn

*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 #553:** "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

*Benediction

Postlude: "God Be With You"

(You are invited to sit and enjoy the postlude.)

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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What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, Nov. 17

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am

(Sanctuary)

Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:20am

(Sanctuary)

Worship 10am

(Sanctuary and Online)

Kids Church 10:15am

(Kids Church Meeting Room)

Lunch at CSCC 11am

(Fellowship Hall)

Membership Info Session 11:30am

(Fellowship Hall)

Monday, Nov. 18

Trans Day of Remembrance 5pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, Nov. 19

Property & Finance Meeting 7pm

(Upstairs Meeting Space)

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Central Closet Thrift Shop 10am-1pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Staff Meeting 10a,

(Fellowship Hall)

Cabinet 7pm

(Fireplace Room)

Thursday, Nov. 21

Food Pantry 10am-1pm

(Church Street)

Saturday, Nov. 23

Central Closet Thrift Shop 10am-1pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Book Study 10am

(Fireplace Room)

Food Pantry Sorting 2pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, Nov. 24

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am

(Sanctuary)

Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:20am

(Sanctuary)

Worship 10am

(Sanctuary and Online)

Kids Church 10:15am

(Kids Church Meeting Room)

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of Nov. 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.

- Patrick D. asks for prayers for the healing of his spinal problems. (11/10)
- Prayers of healing for the Glass' niece, Jennifer, who has prolonged severe anxiety and is currently hospitalized again. (11/10)
- Krissy Cannizzo asks for prayers for Joe H., a dear friend, who is struggling with a liver transplant rejection. (11/10)
- Stephanie Holmgren asks for prayers for her friend's husband, Andy, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. (10/20)
- Please keep Terry Reynolds' neighbor Walter Nardi in your prayers. He recently had a heart attack. (10/13)
- Prayers for Dominic's friend, for a speedy recovery from heart surgery. (10/6)
- Prayers for Sheri Turner's friend, Michael Liben, and his family who live in Jerusalem and have been in their bomb shelter due to missile strikes. Prayers also for his son-in-law who is deployed in Lebanon. (10/2)
- Prayers of healing for Beth, sister of Gail Wright and Lynn Pietras. (9/15)
- Prayers for Anita Mills, to learn how to live with severe chronic pain. (9/15)
- Prayers for Natalie and Erik Muurisep and their family. Hudson and Oliver (11) have a neurology appointment on 9/17. May the doctor have the eyes to see and the ears to hear the full picture of them. (9/15)
- Prayers for healing for Bob Kelso following his recent open-heart surgery. (9/10)
- 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)
- 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)
- Prayers for Todd Sorgman, who has prostate cancer. (6/9)
- Prayers for Norma Sorgman, who has a heart condition. (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 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!