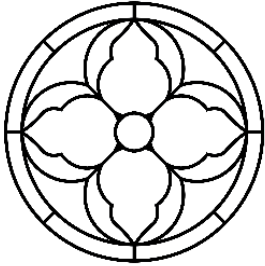


# Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 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, February 23, 2025

10:00AM



Blessed  
are the  
**peacemakers,**  
for they  
shall be called  
the children  
of God.

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

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**Prelude**      *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Invitation to Fellowship**

**Introit:**      Jr. Choir

**Kids Church Dismissal**

**Call to Worship** *(based on Luke 6: 20-26)*

One: In Luke's gospel, Jesus called together the disciples  
There he touched, healed, and taught.  
There he spoke, "Blessed are..."  
There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.

**All: O God, call us together as you did those so long ago  
to discover your blessed people. Today, in this place,  
Christ gather us. Let us remember, celebrate, and embody  
the blessed saints of God. Christ, come among us.**

**Opening Prayer** (*inspired by Luke 6:17-26*)

Compassionate God, we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by poverty, famine and disease. We admit that sometimes we make the world a broken place, tolerating prejudice, conflict and self-interest. We confess that our hearts also suffer with anger, resentment and jealousy. Through our worship today, renew us in Your love, O God, and heal us with the comfort of Your abundant love. Awaken us to the role we can play in healing Your creation. Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit to hear Your word and move forward in faith. Amen.

**Opening Hymn #46:**            *"Hope of the World"*

**Gospel Reading:**            Luke 6:17-26            p.838

**Hebrew Bible Reading:**    Psalm 1                    p.424

**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.*

**Anthem**            *"We Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

**Sermon**

**Hymn #12:**    *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

**Sharing our Gifts**

**Invitation to Give**

**Offertory:**

**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.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**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.

**Closing Hymn #313:**      *"Like a Tree Beside the Waters"*

**Benediction**

**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

<b>Sunday, Feb. 23</b>	<b>Sr. Choir 8:30am</b> <i>(Sanctuary)</i> <b>Jr. Choir 9:20am</b> <i>(Sanctuary)</i> <b>Worship 10am</b> <i>(Sanctuary)</i> <b>Kids Church 10:15am</b> <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i> <b>Heifer Living Gift Market 11am</b> <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 25</b>	<b>Grief Support Group 1pm</b> <i>(Bridgewater Senior Center)</i>
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 26</b>	<b>Thrift Shop 10am-1pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i> <b>Cabinet 7pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
<b>Thursday, Feb. 27</b>	<b>Food Pantry 10am-1pm</b> <i>(Church Street)</i>
<b>Saturday, March 1</b>	<b>Thrift Shop 10am-1pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
<b>Sunday, March 2</b>	<b>Sr. Choir 8:30am</b> <i>(Sanctuary)</i> <b>Jr. Choir 9:20am</b> <i>(Sanctuary)</i> <b>Worship w/Communion 10am</b> <i>(Sanctuary and Online)</i> <b>Kids Church 10:15</b> <i>(Kids Church Room)</i>
<b>Monday, March 3</b>	<b>Bridgewater Food Pantry 6-7:30pm</b> <i>(Church Street)</i>

## Mustard Seeds Prayer List

### Prayer List of the People For the week of Feb. 23, 2025

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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).*

- Bill and Donna O'Neil ask for prayers of healing and comfort for their friend, Shawn King who is undergoing radiation and chemotherapy for newly diagnosed advanced cancer at age 45.
- Prayers for single Mom Christine, who had emergency gallbladder surgery. (2/16)
- Prayers of healing for our office manager, Jenne Foronjy, as she is in the hospital with serious health issues. (2/16)
- Prayers for the LGBTQ+ community. (2/9)
- David Hanson and Carol Chaffee ask for prayers for the extended Hanson family as we mourn the loss of Roger Hanson. (1/29)
- Prayers for Jack McMillian and his family as he is in hospice. He is the father-in-law of Sheri Turner's friend Sheri also asks for prayers for her mother-in-law Anne Turner who is going through health issues. (1/26)
- Prayers for the Logan Family of Kingston in the death of their son. (1/26)
- Prayers of healing for the Glass' grandson Grayson who is healing from a concussion. (1/26)

- Gloria Weinrebe asks for prayers for Joanna with her double lung transplant. Prayers also for Doris Canpbel, who was visiting Joanna and had a stroke at the hospital. The hospital staff saved her life with their quick response. (1/19)
- Veronica McCusker asks for prayers of comfort for her father-in-law who was rapidly diagnosed with cancer and is entering palliative care, and prayers of peace and comfort for the family. (1/19)
- Karissa Marquis asks for prayers for her grandfather, who has been sent home on hospice and has stopped cancer treatment. (1/19)
- Prayers for Janice Dovner who is at Life Care in West Bridgewater. (1/17)
- Prayers for Virginia Chorley who is transitioning to hospice care. (1/15)
- Deb Sorgman requests prayers for her cousin Steve, who is in the end stage of PSP (Parkinsons). (1/12)
- Anne Malmquist requests prayers of healing for her Dad as he recovers from knee replacement surgery. (1/12)
- Mary Barnsley asks for prayers of strength and courage for her sister-in-law Maryann as she goes through testing for memory issues. (1/7)
- Evy asks for prayers for her Grandma in heaven. (1/5)
- Mark Sorgman asks for prayers for himself, for the strength to overcome the pain in his back, and find a permanent resolution so he may become more active and live a normal life. (12/15)
- Continued prayers for Beth, sister to Gail Wright and Lynn Pietras, as she continues her recovery and future surgery in January. (12/15)
- Prayers for Bill Govoni as he faces health issues and his wife Terry DeArruda as she navigates the system to support him. (12/5)
- Prayers for Joann Kelly and her 4 kids, Christine, Phillip, Emma, & Jack. Joann lost her life partner, Sean, to cancer last week. (12/1)
- Update on our prayers for 9-year-old Vivian, who has leukemia, and her mother, Jen. Vivian's treatment plan is going according to plan and should be done in June 2026. (12/1)
- Prayers for the Glass' neighbor, Stacey, who lost her husband tragically over a year ago. (11/24)
- Prayers for Barbara, as she has ongoing tests at Beth Israel. (11/24)
- 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)
- 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 for Anita Mills, to learn how to live with severe chronic pain. (9/15)
- Prayers for healing for Bob Kelso following his recent open-heart surgery. (9/10)
- 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)
- Renewed prayers for the grandson of Doug Anderson. James has a recurrence of cancer 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 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)
- 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)
- 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.***

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**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!

## **Church Staff and Officers**

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Sexton:	Rich Sullivan
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