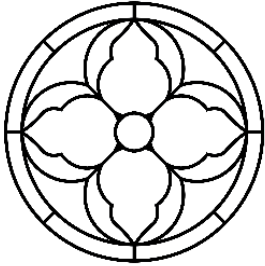


Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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, March 23, 2025

10:00AM

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

Prelude: "Sun Prelude" Ola Gjeilo

Welcome, Announcements, & Invitation to Fellowship

Introit: "Ah, What a Shame I Have to Bear" Junior Choir

Call to Worship:

One: Come, In God's house you will find rest.

Take the yoke of Christ upon you, and learn from him;

All: For Christ is gentle and humble in heart.

**We will find rest for our souls. Under his yoke there
is rest for the weary and sleep for the exhausted.**

One: Come and worship.

Find warmth and care under the wide wings of God.

All: We are a people in need of a soft place to land.

One: Come and worship. Be filled and restored
by the healing breath of God's Spirit.

All: Amen. Let us worship together!

Lenten Practice with the Deacons

Opening Prayer

Good and generous God, you desire that we be restored and renewed in worship. Whether we are participating online or in person, alone or with family, you meet us here with living water to quench our thirst and fortify our journeys. We gather in faith, believing the time we spend together and the energy we expend will be replenished to overflowing; that we will be fully equipped to walk in grace and service when we depart. So restore, renew, and replenish us, O God. Set our hearts upon your ways, so we might be ready to encounter the world once again. Amen.

Opening Hymn #207: *"Just As I Am"*

Moment For All Ages

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9 pg. 848

Anthem: *"Ave Verum Corpus"* W. A. Mozart

Singing the Psalms: *"Psalm 63"* NCH pg.660

Sermon *"Lent 3"* Rev. Beth Stotts

Hymn #201: *"An Outcast Among Outcasts"*

Sharing our Gifts

Invitation to Give

Offertory: *"Daybreak"* Ola Gjeilo

***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.*

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 #212: *"O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns"*

Benediction

Postlude: *"I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud"* Chad Lawson

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, Mar. 23** **Sr. Choir rehearsal 8:30am**
(Sanctuary)
Jr. Choir rehearsal 9:20am
Performance during Worship
(Sanctuary)
Worship 10am
(Sanctuary)
Kids Church 10:15am
(Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, Mar. 26** **Thrift Shop 10am-1pm**
(Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, Mar. 27** **Food Pantry 10am-1pm**
(Church Street)
- Saturday, Mar. 29** **Thrift Shop 10am-1pm**
(Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, Mar. 30** **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!**
Sr. Choir 8:30am
(Sanctuary)
Worship 10am
(Sanctuary and Online)
Kids Church 10:15
(Kids Church Room)
Transgender Day of Visibility 5pm
(Fellowship Hall)

Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of March 23, 2025

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 healing for Laurie Scott, who had a procedure due to complications after a cardiac stent. (3/16)
- Prayers of healing and strength for the family of Anne Malmquist's friend and colleague, Tim Conway. His Dad has been in and out of the ICU with a random series of health issues. (3/16)
- Prayers for Gloria Weinrebe's niece, Linda, following the removal of a lobe of her lung that was cancerous. (3/16)
- Prayers for beloved Luanne, to rest in heavenly peace with her loved ones. (3/16)
- Please pray for courage for the Glass' niece Jennifer of ME who is now in a live-in program in McLean Hospital (Belmont, MA) to treat her anxiety. (3/6)
- Continued prayers are needed for Doug Anderson's grandson James age 10, who has missed school for 2 1/2 years in his battle against neuroblastoma. (3/6)
- Continued prayers for Beth, sister to Gail Wright and Lynn Pietras, as she continues her recovery and anticipates surgery on April 7th. (3/2)
- Patrick Donahue asks for prayers for Ernest Taylor, for healing of his neck, shoulder, and arm. (3/2)
- Darlene Brown was discharged from Dana Farber! (2/23)
- Prayers for Liz, Mark Sorgman's stepmom, who is housebound. (2/23)
- Prayers for Jamison who broke his shoulder. (2/23)

- Prayers for Jostin Burgos, a teen who is missing in Methuen. (2/23)
- 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. (2/18)
- Prayers for the LGBTQ+ community. (2/9)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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 Barbara, as she has ongoing tests at Beth Israel. (11/24)
- 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 Anita Mills, to learn how to live with severe chronic pain. (9/15)
- 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.

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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This week the church office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am – 1pm.

If you would like to make an appointment with Rev. Beth, please email her at csccpastor@hotmail.com.