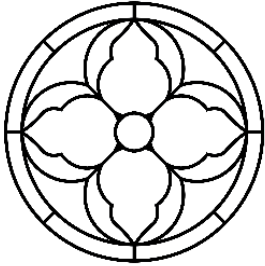


Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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 9, 2025

10:00AM

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

Prelude: *"Lift High the Cross"* by Lloyd Larson

Welcome, Announcements, & Invitation to Fellowship

Introit: *"When Jesus Wept"*

Call to Worship

One: Beloved children of God, we come to worship our creator.

All: Here we are, from the soles of our feet to the souls within us. We are here to worship.

One: Come, siblings in Christ, and attend this gathering with your body, mind, and spirit. Be fully present with us today.

All: From head to toe, inside and out, from our prayers to our thoughts to our dreams, we are present to worship.

One: and if our minds wander, our bodies fidget, or our spirits grow drowsy, what shall we do?

All: We share worship in wandering, fidgeting, and drowsiness, for we can find God in our very breath. Come now, let us worship!

Lenten Practice with the Deacons

Daily Practice of Intention Setting

-How do I want to live today?

-What actions or interactions do I want to create in the world?

Opening Prayer

God with Us, you sent Jesus to experience life in spirit and life in a human body; to become God-in-flesh so we could relate to one another in suffering, compassion, life, and death. We find you in our regular human activities of sleeping, eating, and drinking, and also in the deeply spiritual experience of living on earth. Today we gather so we might worship and encounter you both in body and in spirit. You care about us, from our cells and tissue to our moments of connection and community. Meet us here today, body and spirit. Amen.

Kids Church Dismissal

Opening Hymn #189: *"Down at the Cross"*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 4:1-13*

Epistle Reading: *Romans 10:8b-13*

Anthem: *"The Cross of Jesus"* by Francis O'Brien

Singing the Psalms: *Psalms 91* Brian Gilman

Sermon *"Lent 1"* Rev. Beth Stotts

Hymn #190: *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

Sharing our Gifts

Invitation to Give

Offertory: *"The Power of the Cross"* by Stuart Townsend

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 #193: *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

Benediction

Postlude: *"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"* by William Duane

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. 9** **Sr. Choir 8:30am**
(Sanctuary)
Jr. Choir 9:20am
(Sanctuary)
Worship 10am
(Sanctuary)
Kids Church 10:15am
(Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, Mar. 12** **Thrift Shop 10am-1pm**
(Fellowship Hall)
Staff Meeting 10am
(Fireplace Room)
Women's Guild & Fellowship 6:30pm
(Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, Mar. 13** **Food Pantry 10am-1pm**
(Church Street)
Property & Finance 7pm
(Fireplace Room)
- Saturday, Mar. 15** **Thrift Shop 10am-1pm**
(Fellowship Hall)
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!
- Sunday, Mar. 16** **Sr. Choir 8:30am**
(Sanctuary)
Jr. Choir 9:20am
(Sanctuary)
Worship 10am
(Sanctuary and Online)
Kids Church 10:15
(Kids Church Room)
Potluck Lunch 11:00am
(Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)
Membership Info Session
(Fireplace Room)

Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of March 9, 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.

- Continued prayers for Beth, sister to Gail Wright and Lynn Pietras, as she continues her recovery and anticipates surgery on April 7th. (3/2)
- Connie Chandler asks for prayers for the family of Jim Stanne. Jim died from pancreatic cancer last week. (3/2)
- Patrick Donahue asks for prayers for Ernest Taylor, for healing of his neck, shoulder, and arm. (3/2)
- Prayers for the family and loved ones of Bob Todd, who died at 82. (2/23)
- Darlene Brown was discharged from Dana Farber! (2/23)
- 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. (2/23)
- Prayers for Liz, Mark Sorgman's stepmom, who is housebound. (2/23)
- 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.
- 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 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)
- 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 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.

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!

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This week the church office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am – 1pm.
If you would like to make an appointment with Rev. Beth, please email her at csccpastor@hotmail.com.