

### 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 sin 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.

### Easter Acclamation

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All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

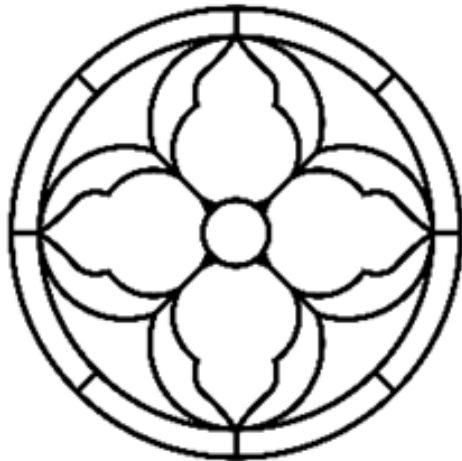
**\*Closing Hymn #240:** *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*  
featuring Savannah Wells, flute

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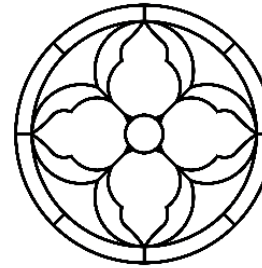
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**Postlude:** *"Blessed Redeemer"* by Harry Dixon Loes

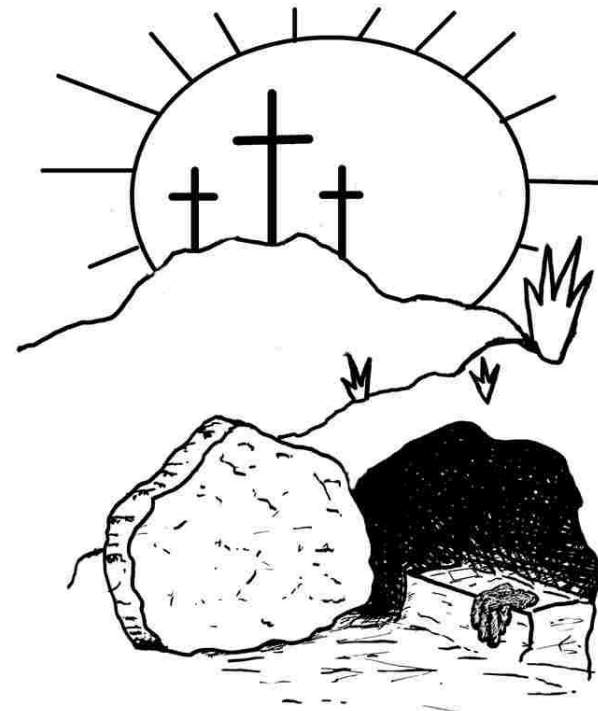


## Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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*"We are a Christian Community of people  
who are reaching out to our neighbors,  
at home and abroad,  
sharing our faith and our resources."*



# EASTER SUNDAY

## Sunday, April 20, 2025

10:00AM

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

*\* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.*

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### Opening Meditation

“Jesus of Nazareth was a brilliant community organizer who built collective power. He began at the margins, tending to those most impacted by the toxic power of the occupying Roman empire. He transgressed boundaries that were racial, geographical, religious and class-based, and formed a coalition across difference, even including some who were complicit in upholding the status quo. After building relationships with the people, hearing their stories, tending to their pain, and preaching a vision of liberation, he turned to face the center of toxic imperial power to challenge the roots of oppression alongside the people” (Ayanna Johnson Watkins and Lucy Waechter Webb, *“Power Analysis for Powerful Congregations,”* 51).

**Easter Prelude:** “*Christ is Arisen*” featuring Cameron Shave, trumpet

### Welcome

### Invitation to Fellowship:

*If you are new or visiting, please include your address, phone number, and e-mail when you sign the fellowship pad so that we may properly welcome you to our church.*

**Junior Choir Introit:** “*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*”

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:1-12

**Senior Choir Introit:** “*Alleluia, Christ is Risen*” by Jay Althouse

**\*Easter Litany** (*inspired by 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Acts 10:34-43*)

One: At early dawn, when the light was just emerging and the shadows still long and deep the earth began to sing a tender and persistent hallelujah.

**All: And the resurrection smelled like death and dirt.  
Christ, the Power of Love, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.**

One: At early dawn, with the salt of tears still crusting their eyes the women began to sing a grieving and faithful hallelujah.

**All: And the empty tomb sounded like weeping and questions.  
Christ, the Wounded One, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.**

One: At early dawn, when no one could remember the sound of hope or the promise of a new day rising the world began to sing a fierce and determined hallelujah.

**All: And the rising up tasted like bread and rejoicing.  
Christ, the Way of Truth and Life, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.**

One: At early dawn, as each day brings forth new agonies and injustices, we gather to sing a grateful and liberating hallelujah.

**All: And this Easter feels like protest and praise.  
Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

### \*Prayer of Invocation

### Moment for All Ages

**\*Hymn #433:** “*In the Bulb There is a Flower*”

### Reflection

### A Time for Giving

#### Invitation to Share

**Offertory:** “*Were You There?*” performed by Bob Richards

#### Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn:** “*Easter Alleluia Medley*” by Gary Lanier  
(*The congregation is invited to join the choir on the following two verses.*)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Songs of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

### Prayer for Easter Sunday

## 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, April 20

Easter Sunrise Worship 6:30am (Hanson Farm)

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)

Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:20am (Sanctuary)

Easter Sunday Worship 10am (Sanctuary and Online)

### Wednesday, Apr. 23

Thrift Shop 10am-1pm (Fellowship Hall)

Cabinet 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, Apr. 24

Food Pantry 10am-1pm (Church Street)

### Sunday, Apr. 27

Worship 10am (Sanctuary)

Pilgrim Association Spring Meeting 2:00 – 3:00pm

(Hingham Congregational Church, UCC

378 Main St, Hingham, MA 02043, USA)

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## Church Staff and Officers

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### To contact the Church Office:

E-mail: [office@cscucc.com](mailto:office@cscucc.com) Phone: 508-697-6016

The church office is 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](mailto:csccpastor@hotmail.com).

# Mustard Seeds Prayer List

## Prayer List of the People For the week of April 20, 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).*

- Prayers Josephine who just turned 7. (4/13)
- Liam O'Connell asks for prayers for a classmate's family. The classmate has recently passed away due to cancer. (4/13)
- Savannah Wells asks for prayers for her friend who has been diagnosed with and is receiving treatment for bone cancer in her knee. (4/13)
- Mary Barnsley asks for continued prayers for her sister-in-law Maryann with memory issues. She needs strength and courage to accept this. (4/13)
- Prayers for friends of Terry Reynolds, Tom and Maureen, and their son. Tom is recovering from triple bypass surgery with complications, and Maureen is battling lung cancer. Their son has also lost his job. (4/6)
- Prayers for discernment and courage for college students who are grappling with what it means to be Christians. (4/6)
- Amanda Napior asks for prayers for a local group of Christian college students with whom she works find the love, wisdom, and courage to answer their community's call to more radical inclusion. (4/6)
- Prayers for a friend's husband and his grandmother; both are coping with the sudden loss of her father-in-law. (4/6)
- Prayers of gratitude for all who showed up for the "hands off" protest on 4/5. (4/6)
- Prayers for Sally Burke. (4/6)
- Prayers for Mark Sorgman, who is having surgery tomorrow. (4/6)
- Sheri Turner asks for prayers for a quick recovery from surgery for her friend Anna Jaworski, who has a broken wrist and is a writer. (4/3)
- Continued prayers for the Glass' niece Jennifer, who still struggles with extreme anxiety, but was finally able to go home after 5 weeks in McLean Hospital. (4/6)
- Bill O'Neil asks for prayers for the Basler family, on the death of Rob's father. (3/23)
- Prayers for recovery of friend Al as he goes through treatment of eye cancer. (3/23)
- Prayers of healing for Laurie Scott, who had a procedure due to complications after a cardiac stent, and a second procedure which resulted in some heart damage. (3/16)
- Prayers of healing and strength for the family of Anne Malmquist's friend and colleague, Tim Conway. His Dad has been in the ICU with a random series of health issues. (3/16)
- Prayers for Gloria Weinrebe's niece, Linda, who had a cancerous lobe removed. (3/16)
- Prayers for beloved Luanne, to rest in heavenly peace with her loved ones. (3/16)
- Prayers for Dominic & Vinny Santarcangelo's grandfather who is recovering from heart surgery. (3/9)
- 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 of healing for Beth, sister to Gail Wright and Lynn Pietras. (4/13)
- Prayers for Liz, Mark Sorgman's stepmom, who is housebound. (2/23)

- Prayers for Jamison who broke his shoulder. (2/23)
- Bill O'Neil ask for prayers of healing and comfort for their friend, Shawn King who is undergoing treatment 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)
- Prayers for Janice Dovner who is at Life Care in West Bridgewater. (1/17)
- Anne Malmquist requests prayers of healing for her Dad. (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. (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)
- Updated 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, who is dealing with 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 Anita Mills, to learn how to live with severe chronic pain. (9/15)
- Prayers for Cheryl Cardillo, who is healing from surgery & 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.

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### ***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!

## EASTER FLOWERS

Connie & Gordon Brailsford  
Steve & Connie Chandler  
Ashley Earp and Family  
Peter & Diane Glass  
Rachael Lawson

The Lewis Family  
Bruce Maclay  
Pam Maloney  
Bev Mitchell & Family

The Muurisepp Family  
Jane O'Connell  
Lynne Pietras & Gail Wright  
Terry Reynolds  
The Sheibley Family  
Rev. Beth Stotts

Gloria Weinrebe

Gail Wershing  
Kay Wheeler  
Theresa Winslow  
Gail Wright

## In Loving Memory of:

*Loved Ones*  
*Our parents*  
*Panda and Willow*  
*Loved Ones*  
*Lawson, Holmberg &*  
*Lopez Family,*  
*Brad Lawson*  
*Our sweet Bubby*  
*Mom and Dad*  
*"Miss you"*  
*George H. Mitchell, we miss*  
*you but have wonderful*  
*memories.*  
*"Believe in fertile soil"*  
*Loved Ones*  
*Judy, Mum, & Dad*  
*Loved Ones*  
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*Jon and Julie Lybarger,*  
*Marvel*  
*Weinrebe Family*  
*Taylor Family*  
*Loved Ones*  
*Julie Lybarger*  
*"God bless everyone"*  
*Scott and Judy Wind*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Saturday, May 3**

5-7pm

Baked Potato Bar & Bingo

**Saturday, May 17**

9:30am

Book Study: *"The Mary We Forgot"*  
by Jennifer Powell McNutt

**Sunday, May 4**

2:00 – 5:00pm

SNEUCC Northeast Regional Gathering  
Mattapoissett UCC

**Sunday, May 18**

11am

Congregational Meeting  
All Voting Members are invited!