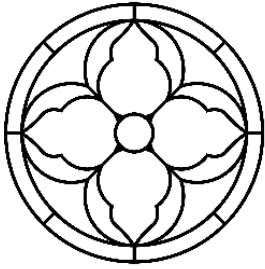


# Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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."*

Can you imagine...

## Sunday, May 18, 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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**Prelude:** "Let It Be" John Lennon & Paul McCartney

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Invitation to Fellowship & Kids Church Dismissal**

*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.*

**Introit:** "Imagine" (see white insert to sing along) John Lennon

**\*Responsive Call to Worship** (Based on Revelation 21:1–6)

Leader: Come, beloved community—

See, God is making all things new!

**People:** A new heaven and a new earth,  
where mourning and crying and pain are no more.

**Leader:** The home of God is among us;  
God dwells with us and wipes every tear from our eyes.

**People:** We are God's people,  
and God is our comfort, our strength, our hope.

**Leader:** The One seated on the throne says:  
"See, I am making all things new."

**People:** Let us worship the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end,  
the Living Water for our thirsty souls.

**Leader:** Come, let us worship our God of renewal and promise.

#### **\*Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Holy One, You call all creation to sing your glory.  
In this sacred time and space, awaken our spirits,  
tune our hearts to your song,  
and fill us with wonder at your goodness.  
Let our worship rise like the morning dew,  
blessing your name with joy, with reverence, and with love.  
Come, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer—  
Be present with us now. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn #613:**       *"O Holy City, Seen of John"*

**Hebrew Bible Reading:**       Psalm 148                               pg.508

**New Testament Reading:**   Revelation 21:1-6                       pg.1007

**Anthem:**       *"Serve bone et Fidelis"*       Orlando di Lasso

**Sermon:**       *"John and John Imagine"*       Rev. Beth Stotts

**\*Hymn #616:**       *"I Want To Be Ready"*

#### **Prayers**

**Celebrations, Concerns, & Prayer Requests**

**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 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.

#### **A Time for Giving**

**Invitation to Share**

**Offertory:**       *"Watching the Wheels"*       John Lennon

**\*Gloria Patri**

*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.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn #614:**      *"Go Forth, O People of God"*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:**      *"Blackbird"*      John Lennon & Paul McCartney

**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 member of the Care Team, or a Deacon.*

### **Care Team**

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## What's Happening at CSCC This Week

### Sunday, May 18

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am	(Sanctuary)
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:20am	(Sanctuary)
Worship 10am	(Sanctuary)
Kids Church 10:15am	(Kids Church)
Congregational Meeting 11am	(Sanctuary)
Potluck Lunch 11:30am	(Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, May 21

Thrift Shop 10am-1pm	(Fellowship Hall)
Cabinet 7pm	(Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, May 22

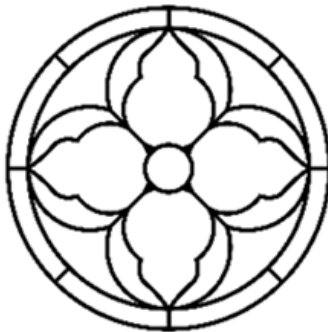
Food Pantry 10am-1pm	(Church Street)
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### Saturday, May 24

Thrift Shop 10am-1pm	(Fellowship Hall)
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### Sunday, May 25

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am	(Sanctuary)
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:20am	(Sanctuary)
Worship 10am	(Sanctuary and Online)
Kids Church 10:15am	(Kids Church)



# Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of May 18, 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).*

- Donna & Bill O'Neil ask for prayers of healing and comfort for their friend, Shawn King who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Scans show good response. (5/6)
- Evelyn asks for prayers for her Papa's back to feel better. (5/4)
- 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 for Sally Burke. (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)
- Prayers for recovery of friend Al as he goes through cancer treatment (3/23)
- Prayers of healing for Laurie Scott, who had a procedure due to complications after a cardiac stent which resulted in some heart damage. (3/16)
- Prayers of healing & strength for the family of Anne Malmquist's friend & colleague, Tim. His Dad has been in the ICU with a series of health issues. (3/16)
- Prayers for Gloria Weinrebe's niece, Linda, who had some cancer removed. (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 of Gail Wright & 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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.

***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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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).

## ***IMAGINE*** – JOHN LENNON

Imagine there's no heaven  
It's easy if you try  
No hell below us  
Above us only sky  
Imagine all the people living for today

Imagine there's no countries  
It isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for  
And no religion too  
Imagine all the people living life in peace

You, you may say  
I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one  
I hope some day you'll join us  
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions  
I wonder if you can  
No need for greed or hunger  
A brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people sharing all the world

You, you may say  
I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one  
I hope some day you'll join us  
And the world will live as one

## **Responsive Litany for Discernment and Change**

**Leader:** God of all seasons, you have guided this church through joy and struggle, growth and change.

**People:** You have been our dwelling place in every generation.

**Leader:** Today, we stand at a crossroads, discerning a shift in how we live and lead together.

**People:** Help us to listen deeply, to speak honestly, and to decide with love.

**Leader:** We are not deciding alone. Your Spirit is in this room, in every heart, in every hopeful breath.

**People:** Be near to us, O God. Remind us that we are your church, still and always.

**Leader:** May our choices reflect not fear, but faith. Not resignation, but renewal.

**People:** May we trust that your promise still holds: *"See, I am making all things new."*

**All:** Amen.

## **Unison Prayer After the Vote**

Gracious and Guiding God,  
We have made a decision together  
—not lightly, but in faith.  
Some of us feel peace.  
Some of us carry sadness.  
Some are unsure what comes next.  
But all of us belong to you.  
As we move forward, remind us  
that the strength of this church  
rests in your Spirit—alive in us.  
Renew our vision. Rekindle our courage.  
Help us to imagine the church  
not just as it has been, but as it can be  
—faithful, flexible, and full of love.  
We place our future in your hands,  
trusting that you are still, and always,  
making all things new.  
In Christ's name, we pray.  
Amen.