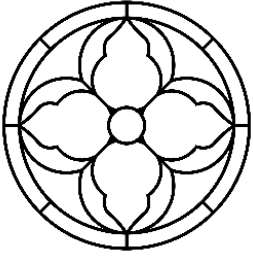


Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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."*

OPENING & AFFIRMING SUNDAY

Sunday, June 29, 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.*

(All poetry used in today's service is written by trans poet, Jay Hulme)

Prelude: "Born This Way" Lady Gaga

Welcome & Announcements

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.*

***Congregational Introit:** "Love Is Love Is Love" Abbie Betinis
[see music and lyrics below]

*Responsive Call to Worship

(written by Kimi Floyd Reisch, ONA Program Minister, UCC Open and Affirming Coalition)

One: We gather today, representing all the majesty of creation.

All: **Diverse and beautiful, blessed and beloved,
all made in the image of the Creator of all things.**

One: We come today, called to this time and this place
by an infinite God.

All: **Who hears our cries and responds with love and mercy.
We come today, knowing God will listen and answer our needs.**

One: We come today to deliver our joined prayers of hope.

All: **We come today, knowing God cares for us,
knowing that even when others reject us,
God's arms are open to offer comfort.
We come. Declaring the Sanctity of Life and the Dignity of All!**

Opening Prayer

Creating God, who makes no mistakes, who surprises us always, who molded the first humans both male and female, who loves all creation, help us to love the diversity of your creation. Help us to accept all expressions of your grace in ourselves and in others. Through our worship today, help us to celebrate those who are different from us; that we may learn to love each other as you love us, we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, both human and divine, Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Find A Home Here" [see music and lyrics below]



Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-18 pg. 503

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us confess our hearts before God...

...Moment for Silent Confession...

All: God, who made me in Your image,
teach me to love myself as You love me.
God, who made me in Your image,
allow me to show that image to the world.
God who made me in Your image,
help me to see Your image in all those I meet.
God, who made me in Your image,
teach me to conserve and protect all Your creation.
God, who made me in Your image,
bless, protect, and keep all Your children safe.

Assurance of God's Grace

Moment for All Ages: *"A Church for All"*

Hebrew Bible Reading: Psalm 42 pg. 447

Epistle Reading: Galatians 3:23-29 pg. 946

Musical Offering: *"Courage to Be Who We Are"* Ruth Huber

Sermon

***Hymn:** *"Sing Out"* [see music and lyrics below]

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: *"One Foot/Lead With Love"* M. DeMore

***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:** *"With Open Hearts"* [see music and lyrics below]

***Benediction**

Postlude: *"Pink Pony Club"* Chappell Roan

(See next pages for music and lyrics used in this service.)

Music by Abbie Betinis

Andante (♩ = 80)

opt. ④

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,* Where there's love, _____ love is _____ love.

LAST TIME (all groups in unison)

LAST TIME (all groups in unison)

rit. Slower

D A Bm F#m G D Em7 A D

Love, love, love. All we need is love, love love. All we need is love.

Find A Home Here

Words and Music by Mary-Ellen Kish
Arranged by Gwen Chapman

♩ = 110

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as 110 beats per minute. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. Chord symbols (G, D, C, D7) are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score ends with a 'Fine' marking.

Find a home here, live out faith here, gath-er strength here, find

fam' - ly here. Be your - self here, feel se - cure here, cel - e -

brate here, be at home here.

Fine

As an option, the refrain stands alone as a song of welcome

For more music by Mary Ellen Kish, please visit www.mekishmusic.com.

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G C

1 The doors here are o - pen wide all who ven - ture by are
 2 Com - mit - ted to love's com-mand peo - ple have dis - cerned and
 3 Sur - round - ed by those who care share the love of God in

13

D C D

wel - come in - side. Hon - our - ing the gift of di - ver - si - ty with
 take - en a stand. Prej - u - dice and fear have gone on too long, it's
 wor - ship and prayer. Trust - ing the sup - port, let - ting go of doubt, the

16

C9 D D.C. al Fine

diff - rent ways of lov - ing, diff' - rent ways to be.
 time for ev' - ry per - son tru - ly to be - long.
 o - pen - ing is made for safe - ly com - ing out.

Sing Out

♩ = 150

Words and Music by Mary-Ellen Kish
Arranged by Gwen Chapman

C Am C

1 Sing out, sing out for free - dom. Sing out u -
2 Stand up, stand up for jus - tice. Stand up u -
3 March on, march on for ac - tion. March on u -
4 Liv - ing, liv - ing with pur - pose. Liv - ing u -
5 Lov - ing, lov - ing out bold - ly. Lov - ing u -

Gm C F G

nit - ed as one. Sing out, sing for free - dom.
nit - ed as one. Stand up, stand for jus - tice.
nit - ed as one. March on, march for ac - tion.
nit - ed as one. Liv - ing, live with pur - pose.
nit - ed as one. Lov - ing, love out bold - ly.

F C G7 C G7 C

Proud - ly we are sing - ing.
Proud - ly we are stand - ing.
Proud - ly we are march - ing.
Proud - ly we are liv - ing.
Proud - ly we are lov - ing.

Can be sung as SATB or melody only

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With Open Hearts

Words and Music by Mary-Ellen Kish
Arranged by Gwen Chapman

♩ = 168

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 1-5) features a treble staff with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line (G2, A2, Bb2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3) and a chordal accompaniment in the right hand. Chords F, C, and F are indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics 'With o - pen hearts, o - pen arms, o - pen minds' are written below the treble staff, and 'there is' is written below the piano staff. The second system (measures 6-9) continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics 'wel - come in this place, there is wel - come in this space, there is' are written below the treble staff. The third system (measures 10-13) concludes the piece. The lyrics 'wel - come with em - brace, with o - pen hearts. hearts.' are written below the treble staff. The piano staff ends with a double bar line. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, notes, chords, and dynamic markings.

F C F

With o - pen hearts, o - pen arms, o - pen minds there is

6 B \flat F

wel - come in this place, there is wel - come in this space, there is

10 C F F

To verses Last time Fine

wel - come with em - brace, with o - pen hearts. hearts.

15 F Dm C

A place of car - ing and ac - cept - ance,
 A place for risk - ing and af - firm - ing,
 A place for heal - ing and re - leas - ing
 A place to ques - tion and to won - der,

19 Bb C Dm Bb

o - pen-ness and trust ac - tions that are just.
 rad - i - cal and bold no one fits a mold.
 bro - ken-ness and pain hurt that's been sus - tained.
 lib - er - at - ing views rel - e - vant and new.

24 C F D.C. al Fine

All are wel-come here, a place of be - long - ing.
 All are wel-come here, a place of in - clu - sion.
 All are wel-come here, a place for re - ceiv - ing.
 All are wel-come here, a place for en - gag - ing.

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 a member of the Care Team, or a Deacon.

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What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, June 29

Worship 10am (Sanctuary and Online)

Tuesday, July 1

Magical Event planning 6:00pm (Fireplace Room)

Wednesday, July 2

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, July 3

Food Pantry 10am-1pm (Church Street)

Friday, July 4

Bathrooms Open 9am-12noon

Sunday, July 6

Worship 10am (Sanctuary and Online)

Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of June 29, 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 for the family of Janice Dovner, who passed away last week. (6/22)
- Prayers for a family member of a Hanson Farm employee. (6/22)
- Prayers for a father struggling with despair and uneasiness. May he find peace, love, and strength in God's arms. (6/15)
- Prayers of healing for Vale Sime, recovering at Life Care in West Bridgewater. (6/1)
- Patrick Donahue asks for prayers for Barbara Monteiro - for physical and mental health, depression, and for her vision, hearing, and spine.
- Healing prayers for Peter Glass, with a torn meniscus. (5/18)
- 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 Napier 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 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 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)
- Anne Malmquist requests prayers of healing for her Dad. (1/12)
- 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 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 & 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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Rev. Beth is away on Sabbatical for the month of July.

Please contact the office if you are in need of pastoral care.

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