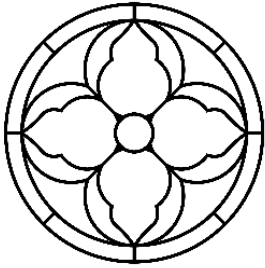


# Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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."*

## PENTECOST



### Sunday, June 8, 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:** "Here I Am, Lord" Jack Shraeder

#### 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.*

**Introit:** "Go Forth and Tell!" John Barnard

**Epistle Reading:** Acts 2:1-21

**\*Responsive Call to Worship** *(based on Acts 2:1-21)*

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come,  
they were all together in one place.

**People:** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound  
like the rush of a violent wind,  
and it filled the entire house.

Leader: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,  
and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

**People:** They began to speak in other languages,  
as the Spirit gave them ability.  
**God's Spirit moves among us still!**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit—ignite our hearts with your flame.  
Blow through this place like a mighty wind.

**People:** Let us dream dreams, see visions,  
and proclaim God's deeds of power!  
Let us worship God with joy, as we open ourselves  
to the movement of the Spirit among us!

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

Gracious and Living God,

On this Pentecost morning, we gather in awe and thanksgiving for the gift of your Spirit. As wind once stirred the upper room and fire lit upon your people, so stir our hearts today. Let your presence fill this space with power, with hope, and with joy.

Break down the barriers that divide us—of language, of fear, of misunderstanding. Open our ears to hear your voice in every tongue and every story. Let your Spirit guide us into bold new expressions of faith, justice, and love.

May your breath revive what is tired within us, and your fire kindle courage in our spirits. As you did for the early church, do again in us: awaken us, empower us, send us.

In the name of the Risen Christ and the Holy Spirit who moves among us, Amen.

#### **Moment for All Ages**

**\*Opening Hymn with Kazoos #282:** *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

#### **Service of Baptism**

Maggie June Mastin

Logan Muurisepp

**\*Hymn #325:** *"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"*

#### **Service of Membership** *(see pink insert)*

Karissa Marquis

Debra Moore

Logan Muurisepp

**Anthem** *"All Earth Rejoice With a Gladsome Voice"* Vivaldi

#### **Prayers**

**Celebrations, Concerns, & Prayer Requests** *(see yellow insert)*

**Moment for Meditation and Reflection**

**Reading:** *"Hokusai Says"* by Roger Keyes

**Pastoral Prayer for Pentecost**

### **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.

**\*Hymn #286:**                    *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

### **A Time for Giving**

#### **Invitation to Share**

**Offertory:**    *"Holy Spirit Rain Down"*                    Russell Fragar

#### **\*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** *(see red insert): "Pentecost Had Come"*

### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude:**                    *"Summer"*                    Antonio Vivaldi

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## **Church Staff and Officers**

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| Pastor:                       | Rev. Elizabeth Stotts       |
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### **To contact the Church Office:**

E-mail: [office@cscucc.com](mailto:office@cscucc.com)

Phone: 508-697-6016

If you would like to make an appointment with Rev. Beth,  
please email her at [csccpastor@hotmail.com](mailto:csccpastor@hotmail.com).

## **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, June 8

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)  
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:20am (Sanctuary)  
Pentecost Worship 10am (Sanctuary)  
Annual Meeting & Luncheon 11am (Fellowship Hall)

## Wednesday, June 11

Thrift Shop 10am-1pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Staff Meeting 11am (Fireplace Room)

## Thursday, June 12

Food Pantry 10am-1pm (Church Street)  
Property & Finance Team, 7pm (Fireplace Room)

## Friday, June 13

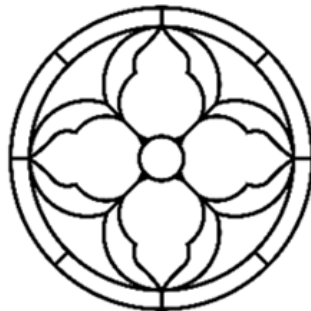
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## Saturday, June 14

Thrift Shop 10am-1pm (Fellowship Hall)

## Sunday, June 15 – Trinity Sunday

Steeple Sounds Submissions Due!  
Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)  
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:20am (Sanctuary)  
Worship 10am (Sanctuary and Online)



## **Mustard Seeds Prayer List**

**Prayer List of the People For the week of June 8, 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 for Rachel Lawson's nephew, George, who is having neck surgery. (6/25)
- Prayers for an acquaintance of Rachel Lawson, who is having leg surgery. (6/25)
- Veronica McCusker asks for prayers for her Grandma, who is in kidney failure resulting from dementia. We pray that she passes peacefully and painlessly. (6/1)
- 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 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 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 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!

# **Welcoming New Members**

## **Calling Forth of New Members**

### **Introduction**

### **Promises from the New Members**

### **Covenanting**

#### ***New Member Covenant:***

We enter this community of faith with hope and possibility in our hearts, pledging to participate in and support the ministries of this church. We covenant to remain true to the spirit of Christ's love that flows through this church and guides us. We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

#### ***Promise from the Congregation:***

We welcome you as once we were welcomed ourselves. We seek to be open and inclusive; respecting you, your ideas, and your vision, in times when it is easy and in times when it is difficult.

We seek to be supportive, not only when you reach out in courage to us, but also when you need us to reach out to you. In return we ask that you recognize our humanity: we will not always live up to our ideals. And when we fall short, we invite you to stay in relationship with us and help us more fully bring alive the spirit of Christ's love in the world.

We welcome you as an equal member of this congregation, of this faith, and of our shared spiritual journey.

## **UCC Statement of Mission and Faith**

As people of the United Church of Christ, we seek within the Church Universal to participate in God's mission and to follow the way of the crucified and risen Christ.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called and commit ourselves:

To praise God, confess our sin, and joyfully accept God's forgiveness;

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our suffering world; To embody God's Love for all people;

To hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace;

To name and confront the powers of evil within and among us;

To repent our silence and complicity with the forces of chaos and death;

To preach and teach with the power of the living Word;

To join oppressed and troubled people in the struggle for liberation;

To work for justice, healing, and wholeness of life; To embrace the unity of Christ's church;

To discern and celebrate the present and coming reign of God.

## **Blessing**

Loving God, give to each of us strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, the comfort of faith, love that cannot die, laughter in the company of friends, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ who makes us one. Amen.

## Closing Hymn **Pentecost Has Come**

Pentecost had come and in that time of grace,  
Jesus' friends were gathered in a meeting place.  
Suddenly the Spirit came in wind and flame,  
Sending men and women out in Jesus' name.  
Spirit, come upon us, too!  
Give us gifts to share for you.  
We live in a world in need;  
Send us where you daily lead!  
All around the city joy was in the air;  
People gathered in the streets from everywhere.  
Soon they heard some preaching and the news was good!  
There, in every language, they all understood.  
Spirit, move through every land  
Till all know and understand:  
Jesus died and rose — it's true!  
Now we have new life in you.  
Peter told the crowd to turn and be baptized;  
Thousands heard the words he spoke and changed their lives.  
Daily they sold what they owned to help the poor;  
Day by day the church was growing more and more.  
Spirit, change the way we live.  
Teach us how to gladly give  
Guide us, as we seek to be  
Faithful in our ministry.



# Bibles?

Both of my kids are heading off to Church Camp this summer and an age-appropriate Bible is on each of their packing lists. It had me thinking...

**Do you have a kid in your life that needs a Bible?**

Please email me at [csccpastor@hotmail.com](mailto:csccpastor@hotmail.com) with the name and age of the child/youth who needs a Bible by June 12. I will purchase the Bibles, and the congregation will bless them in worship on Trinity Sunday (June 15) and the Bibles will be distributed on Sunday, June 22.

Also, if you're in need of a Bible, please reach out to me. I'm happy to help you find the right fit for your study and spiritual journey.

In Christ,  
Rev. Beth

**Central Square  
Congregational Church, UCC  
cordially invites you to**

★ *An Evening* ★  
*Under The Stars*  
★ *Gala* ★

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21 6:00P.M.**

**DANCING ~ RAFFLES**

**CASH BAR ~ APPETIZERS**

at Olde Scotland Links in Bridgewater

*\$75 per person ~ \$700 per table of 10*

*Advance tickets required*

*An adults-only event.*

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