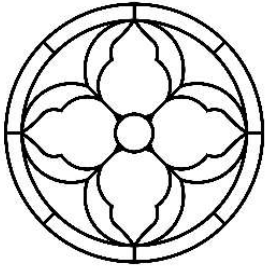


# Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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, August 10, 2025

9:00AM

### Welcome & Introductions

### Announcements

### Gathering Words

One: We gather as God's beloved children –

**All: However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.**

One: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

**All: So this becomes a place where all are welcome.**

One: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with each other –

**All: Let us worship God.**

### Opening Prayer

Wonderful God, dwell with us as we bring our songs and prayers, our hopes and hesitations, our faith and our disbelief before you in our worship today. May your Spirit enliven, challenge, and guide us in all things and for all days. Amen.

### Opening Hymn: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

*For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,  
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

## Reading:

We are resurrection people. We honor, follow, and celebrate the God who transforms lives and shows up in unexpected places.

Hear and be blessed by these words from Isaiah 65:17–18:

*For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.*

## Reading: Excerpt from “Good Soil”

*Jeff Chu writes, “To name the soils that you come from is to acknowledge that you were not self-made, because there is no such thing as a self-made human. It places you in the context of an ecosystem. It confesses that you are a creature—simply, someone created by forces beyond you—which is to say reared and scarred and sanded and formed. It admits that you are not some nebula floating in the ether but that you have roots and are inescapably interdependent with the world around you.”*

**Reflection:** What are the soils you come from?

## Prayers

**Celebrations & Concerns, Highs & Lows, & Prayer Requests**

**Moment for Personal Meditation**

**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.

## We Remember Jesus: A litany of communion

One: We remember that Jesus was the baby born at Christmas

**All: We remember Jesus**

One: We remember that Jesus loves everyone

**All: We remember Jesus**

One: We remember that Jesus is God’s beloved child

**All: We remember Jesus**

One: We remember that Jesus taught us  
that we are also God’s beloved children.

**All: We remember Jesus**

One: We remember that Jesus told us that God loves us...  
no matter what.

**All: We remember Jesus**

One: We remember that Jesus shared a special meal  
with his followers.

**All: We remember Jesus**

One: We remember that at the special meal, Jesus held up  
a loaf of bread and thanked God for things to eat.

**All: We remember Jesus**

**One:** Then Jesus broke the bread into little pieces. He gave a piece of bread to everyone around him at the table.

**All: We remember Jesus**

One: We remember that at the special meal, Jesus held up a cup. He thanked God for things to drink. Then Jesus passed the cup to each person at the table.

**All: We remember Jesus**

One: We remember Jesus  
whenever we drink and eat together.

**All: We remember Jesus**

One: We remember that Jesus said, *"Do this in memory of me."*

**All: We remember Jesus**

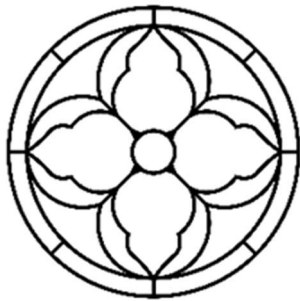
## **Communion Prayer**

### **Closing Hymn: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you;  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

## **Benediction**



**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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## Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of August 10, 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).*

- Please send love, peace, and courage as my girls and I navigate a new chapter of our lives. Help us keep love in our hearts. (7/27)
- Prayers for the Chaffee family on the passing of Anne Chaffee. Our whole community mourns with you. (7/13)
- Evelyn Francis' (age 6) prayer is she hopes "people at the hospital will feel better, Amen!" (7/13)
- 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.
- 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)
- 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 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 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.***

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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!

## **Church Staff and Officers**

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