

## **LIVING WITH THE WORD**

**\*Closing Hymn #573:** *"Lead On Eternal Sovereign"*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** *"Cry Out to Jesus"* Mac Powell

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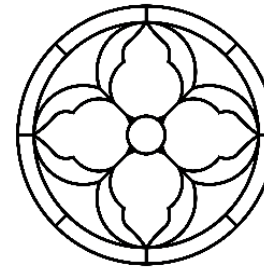
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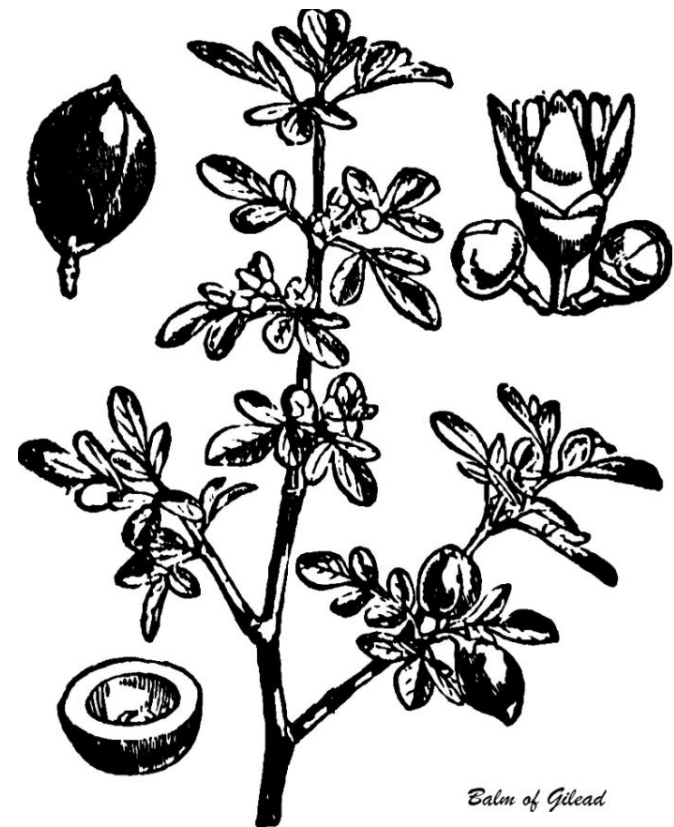
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## **Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**

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, September 21, 2025**

10:00AM

## **ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude:** *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"* Glenda Austin

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Invitation to Fellowship**

**Introit:** *"I'm Determined"* Marilyn Thornton

### **\*Gathering Words**

**Leader:** Our hearts are heavy with sorrow, for the world is wounded.

**People:** We come seeking the balm of God's healing love.

**Leader:** The prophet weeps for the brokenness of God's people.

**People:** We, too, cry out for justice, for mercy, for peace.

**Leader:** Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no healer for our souls?

**People:** God is with us, bringing comfort in our grief and hope in our despair.

**Leader:** Come, beloved of God, bring your tears and your prayers.

**People:** We come to worship the One who gathers us in compassion and makes us whole.

### **\*Gathering Prayer**

God of mercy, we gather together this morning with hearts that grieve for a hurting world. Yet we also come in hope, trusting that Your love is our healing balm. Gather us in, hold our tears, and remind us that You are making all things new. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn #488:** *"Be Still, My Soul"*

### **Moment for All Ages**

## **THE WORD**

**Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 p.619

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-7 p.963

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

**Message:** *"Healing Balm"*

**\*Hymn #553:** *"There Is A Balm In Gilead"*

## **PRAYERS**

### **Celebrations, Concerns, & Prayer Requests**

### **Moment for Meditation, Reflection, and Quiet Prayer**

#### **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.

#### **Prayer Response Hymn #283:** *"Spirit of the Living God"*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

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*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

## **OFFERING**

### **Invitation**

**Offertory:** *"Autumn"* Antonio Vivaldi

### **\*Doxology:**

*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 Thanksgiving**

Generous God, receive these gifts, signs of our gratitude and hope. Bless them, that they may bring healing, justice, and love to your people and your world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## What's Happening at CSCC This Week

### Sunday, September 21

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)  
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:40 am (Sanctuary)  
Worship 10am (Sanctuary & Online)  
Kids Church 10:15am (Kids Church)  
Potluck Lunch 11am (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, September 24

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, September 25

Food Pantry 10am-1pm (Church Street)  
Crafters 2pm (Fireplace Room)

### Friday, September 26

Line Dancing 6-8pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, September 27

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, September 28

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)  
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:40am (Sanctuary)  
Worship 10am (Sanctuary & Online)  
Kids Church 10:15am (Kids Church)

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**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!*

**An Open  
and Affirming  
Congregation**



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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 September 21, 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).*

- Cathy Hanczaryk lost someone very dear to her, and asks for prayers that she will see him again in heaven. (9/14)
- Rev Beth asks us to "Take a breath, remember that we are followers of Christ." (9/14)
- Prayers for Gordon and Connie Brailsford as they are going through a lot right now. (9/14)
- Please pray for our friend Donna who tore her rotator cuff. (9/14)
- Jenne Foronjy asks for prayers for her wife, Michaela, as she navigates a sudden change. (9/14)
- Prayers of celebration the new Playground for kids in the Sanctuary! (9/14)
- Mark Sorgman thanks everyone for all their prayers for him recently. (9/14)
- Prayers for Kenzie, who is starting a day program. (8/31)
- Prayers for Kate, who lives in Ohio and is struggling to find gender-affirming care for her child. (8/31)
- Prayers for Bruno, who has cancer, and Richard, who is supporting him. (8/31)
- Donna & Bill O'Neil ask for continued prayers of healing and comfort for their friend, Shaun King who had colon surgery successfully while his chemo was suspended for healing. Prayers are appreciated & working for him! He awaits more updates of scans and restarting his chemo. Thank you for praying for him! (8/26)
- 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)
- 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.
- 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)

- 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's friend 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)
- Sue Corcoran's nephew Eric, who is struggling with mental health. (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!