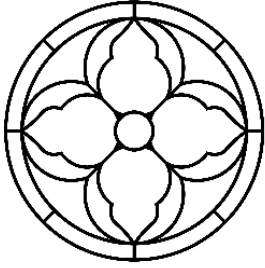


Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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, October 26, 2025

10:00AM

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* C. Converse

Welcome, Announcements & Invitation to Fellowship

Introit: *"Hear the Message We Are Now Proclaiming"*
Elleazar Torreglosa

***Gathering Words**

Leader: God moves with us throughout this earth and nurtures the soil.

People: Our neighbors are awed by God's works.

Leader: God's river flows with water, and the fields are blessed by the Spirit.

People: Our neighbors are awed by God's gifts.

Leader: God's wilderness fields overflow with joy.

People: Our neighbors are awed by God's grace.

***Gathering Prayer**

God of Love, Divine Friend,

Our hearts are open to you. If a thought crosses our minds, you are present and are ready to hold it for us. There is no emotion radiating from our souls that is too heavy or painful for you. Your Spirit encourages our dreams as we seek to find ways to build your Realm here on earth. Through our worship here today, empower us to work side-by-side, co-creating a world of possibilities where all experience your love and joy. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #391: "In the Midst of New Dimensions"**

Moment for All Ages

THE WORD

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14 pg.853

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-19 pg.968

Anthem: "Christ In Me Arise" Trevor Thomson

EXPLORING THE WORD

Reflection: Given by Patrick Donahue

***Hymn #609:** "Now Is the Time Approaching"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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)*

Creator God, who is 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.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory: "The Water Is Wide" David Nevue

***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**

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, all that we have and all that we have come from you. Through the giving of our gifts, may we praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives. Bless us and our gifts,

turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

LIVING WITH THE WORD

***Closing Hymn #595:** *"Some Cold Morning"*

***Benediction**

Postlude: *"Down to the River to Pray"* Mary McDonald

What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, October 26

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

Wednesday, October 29

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)
Crafters 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, October 30

Food Pantry 10am-1pm (Church Street)

Saturday, November 1

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, November 2

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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*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**



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 October 26, 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.*

- A new friend asks for prayers for sober people and says thanks for being so welcoming. (10/19)
- Prayers for the people of Alaska who were affected by the devastating typhoon. (10/19)
- Prayers for Franco Ciaramitaro who is turning 18 this week!. (10/19)
- Prayers of thanks & celebration on the success of the Women's Guild Rummage Sale. (10/19)
- Prayers of comfort for Jack Melcher and his family in the loss of his brother Mike. (10/19)
- Prayers for Veronica's husband that he finds peace and direction to shape their family's future. (10/12)
- Mary Barnsley asks for prayers for Mitch & Heather on the loss of their 12-year-old daughter, Dylan. (9/18)
- Mary Barnsley asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Maryann with memory issues. (9/18)
- Cathy Hanczaryk lost someone very dear to her, and asks for prayers that she will see him again in heaven. (9/14)
- Please pray for our friend Donna who tore her rotator cuff. (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 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) 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)
- 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 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 for Gloria Weinrebe's niece, Linda, who had some cancer removed. (3/16)
- Prayers for Dominic & Vinny grandfather, recovering from surgery. (3/9)
- Continued prayers for James age 10, who is fighting 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 the LGBTQ+ community. (2/9)
- 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 Andy, dealing 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 the people of Israel and Palestine.

Continued prayers for all veterans and those serving on active duty.

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!