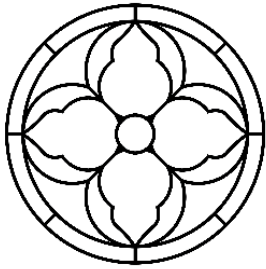


# Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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, March 1, 2026

10:00AM

### **ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *"Toccata on Leoni"* Joel Raney

Welcome, Announcements, & Invitation to Fellowship

### **OPENING OUR HEARTS**

Introit: *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

#### **Call to Worship**

One: Come into God's presence, you who imagine and you who seek, you who disrupt and you who repair.

All: **By the Spirit, we gather in hope.**



**Offertory:** "What Wondrous Love!" Marc Jordan

**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 Dedication**

## **SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

**Communion Hymn #225:** "Come, Gather in This Special Place"

**Invitation, Words of Institution & Prayer of Consecration**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

*(The communion elements are gluten-free and non-alcoholic)*

**Affirmation of Faith**

One: Let us affirm our faith as we participate in the holy work of imagination.

**All: We believe in the ways of Jesus.**

**We believe in sharing food, water, shelter, and healing care with everyone.**

**We believe in freedom for captives, justice for victims, and deliverance for all who are enslaved.**

**We believe peace comes from justice, not violence.**

**We believe everyone is our neighbor, without exception.**

**We believe children are precious and worthy of care.**

**We believe, as Jesus did, that we find God among the poor, the marginalized, the weak, the imprisoned, and the rejected.**

**We believe Jesus came, not merely to point to heaven, but to teach us how to bring heaven to earth.**

**We believe and pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Charge**

One: Beloved children of God, as you return to the wild wilderness of everyday life, as you encounter every kind of person, cling to the ways of Jesus who helps us imagine a world where love and justice thrive.

## **LIVING WITH THE WORD**

**Closing Hymn #190:** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Somewhere" Leonard Bernstein

## **What's Happening at CSCC This Week**

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am** (*Sanctuary*)

**Church Office Open 9am-1pm** (*Office*)

**Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:40am** (*Sanctuary*)

**Worship & Communion 10am** (*Sanctuary & Online*)

Kids Church 10:00am (Kids Church)

**Monday, March 2**

Food Pantry 6:00-7:30pm (Church Street)

**Tuesday, March 3**

Church Office Open 9am-1pm (Office)

**Wednesday, March 4**

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

Women's Guild 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

**Thursday, March 5**

Church Office Open 9am-1pm (Office)

Food Pantry 10am-1pm (Church Street)

**Friday, March 6**

Church Office Open 9am-1pm (Office)

**Saturday, March 7**

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, March 8**

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)

Church Office Open 9am-1pm (Office)

Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:40am (Sanctuary)

Worship 10am (Sanctuary & Online)

Kids Church 10:15am (Kids Church)

## **Follow us!**

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## **Church Staff and Officers**

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

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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).

Pastoral emergency #: (508) 659-2361

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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.

### Pastor

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**Songs to the Moon**  
*A piano concert  
with Julia Scott Carey  
Guest Artist:  
Kelley Hollis, Soprano*

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 7PM  
CENTRAL SQUARE CHURCH  
BRIDGEWATER  
[CSCCUCC.ORG/EVENTS](http://CSCCUCC.ORG/EVENTS)



MARCH 27, 6-8 PM

**Moonlight  
Paint & Sip  
Night**

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# Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People for the week of March 1, 2026

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*Please note: Prayer requests can be submitted by calling the Church Office at: (508) 697-6016 or by e-mail to: [office@cscucc.com](mailto:office@cscucc.com).*

- Heather Ciaramitaro asks for prayers for Frank as he navigates new MS challenges. (2/22)
- Tallinn Muurisepp asks for prayers for his Meme's mom and brother, as well as his Pepe's brother, who is going through a hard time. (2/22)
- Erik & Natalie Muurisepp ask for prayers for Gloria and her medical team following her brain surgery on 2/18. (2/15)
- Brianna and Liam O'Connell ask for prayers for Brianna's parents Shantia and Jonathan, and cousin Nette as they navigate two Alzheimer's diagnoses and other health concerns. (2/8)
- Prayers for Katrina Judge, her father and her family as they navigate the devastating news that his cancer has metastasized. (2/8)
- Thank you for prayers for Frank Ainslie, his surgery went great and he is healing well. (2/8)
- Carol Chaffee asks for prayers for a dear friend's sister who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. (2/1)
- Nina Gabel's colleague Mayra Mieses is on indefinite medical leave. Prayers for her and her family. (2/1)
- 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. (11/10)
- Stephanie Holmgren asks for prayers for her father-in-law Richard, who was diagnosed with colon cancer. (11/9)
- Prayers for Ashley Earp's sister going through breast cancer. (10/26)
- A new friend asks for prayers for sober people and says thanks for being so welcoming. (10/19)
- Mary Barnsley asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Maryann with memory issues. (9/18)
- Prayers for Kate, trying to find gender-affirming care for her child. (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)

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

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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!

## Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

Nicodemus sought out Jesus at a lonely, quiet hour.

He said, "Teacher, God is with you! For in you we see God's power."

Jesus turned and gave an answer filled with challenge and with love:

"You can never see God's kingdom till you're born from heav'n above."

"Born again!" said Nicodemus. "Is that something one can do?"

Jesus said, "Don't be surprised now that you must be born anew.

And it's not by your own doing; wind and Spirit will blow free!

They are not for your controlling; trust in God for what will be."

God, your Spirit still surprises like an ever-changing wind,

Bringing life and love and justice where despair and death have been.

May we see your Spirit working as a gift from heav'n above.

Blest, may we then be a blessing to this world that you so love.

This hymn includes the multiple meanings of the Biblical Greek word *anōthen* —

"from above" (NRSVue, NAB, NJB, CEV)

or "again" or "anew" (KJV, CEB, RSV, NEB, NIV, TEV).

Biblical Reference: John 3:1-17

Tune: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813 ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing") ([MIDI](#))

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## **Holy Week & Easter at CSCC**

### **Palm Sunday, March 29**

Sunday worship, 10am

*In-person and livestreamed*

### **Maundy Thursday, April 2**

Foot washing and communion, 7pm

*In-person and livestreamed*

### **Good Friday, April 3**

Sanctuary meditation and drop-in time with Rev. Beth,  
9am-1pm

### **Holy Saturday, April 4**

End of Life Planning with Rev. Beth, 12noon

### **Easter Sunday, April 5**

Sunrise worship at HansonFarm, 6:30am

*In-person only*

Easter worship at CSCC, 10:00am

*In-person and livestreamed*