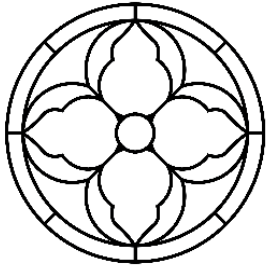


# Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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 8, 2026**

10:00AM

## **ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *"River Flows in You"* Yiruma

Welcome, Announcements, & Invitation to Fellowship

## **OPENING OUR HEARTS**

Introit: *"To the Wilderness"* Richard Schaffer

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: In the wilderness, the people were thirsty.

People: **And God gave them water from a rock.**

Leader: At a well in Samaria, a woman was thirsty too.

People: **And Jesus offered her living water.**

Leader: We come thirsty today —thirsty for hope,  
thirsty for kindness, thirsty for love.

**People: God is our living water!**

Leader: No matter how young or old we are,  
God welcomes us at the well.

**People: Let us drink deeply of God's grace and worship together!**

**Sung Call to Worship #743:** *"Be Still and Know"*

### **Opening Prayer**

Gracious and life-giving God, In the desert, you heard your people crying out and brought water from a rock. At the well, you met a woman with compassion and offered her living water that never runs dry. Today we gather — children, youth, adults, elders — each of us carrying different kinds of thirst. Some of us are thirsty for friendship. Some of us are thirsty for justice. Some of us are thirsty for rest. Some of us don't even know what we're longing for. Meet us here, O God. Pour your Spirit into our dry places. Soften what is hardened in us. Refresh what is weary in us. Open our hearts to receive your love — and make us springs of living water for one another and for the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

**Opening Hymn #326:** *"Crashing Waters at Creation"*

### **EXPLORING THE WORD**

**Gospel Reading:** John 4:5-42 pg.864

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 5:1-11 pg.917

**Anthem:** *"Dream God's Dream"* Bryan Sirchio

**Sermon:** *"Seeing One Another"* Rev. Beth Stotts

**Hymn #196:** *"When, Like the Woman at the Well"*

### **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, Holy is Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours 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:** *"Living Water"* Bob Carlisle

**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**

## **LIVING WITH THE WORD**

Closing Hymn #45: "Christ Is the Mountain of Horeb"

Benediction

Postlude

"Let the River Run"

Carly Simon

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

### **Sunday, March 8, 2026**

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)  
Church Office Open 9am-1pm (Office)  
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:40am (Sanctuary)  
Worship 10am (Sanctuary & Online)  
Kids Church 10:00am (Kids Church)

### **Tuesday, March 10**

Church Office Open 9am-1pm (Office)

### **Wednesday, March 11**

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

### **Thursday, March 12**

Church Office Open 9am-1pm (Office)  
Food Pantry 10am-1pm (Church Street)  
Property & Finance meeting (Fireplace Room)

**Friday, March 13**

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

**Piano Concert 7pm** *(Sanctuary)*

**Saturday, March 14**

**Thrift Shop 10am-2pm** *(Fellowship Hall)*

**Sunday, March 15**

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

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

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

*(Jr. Choir Performance during worship)*

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

**Kids Church 10:15am** *(Kids Church)*

**Potluck Lunch 11am** *(Fellowship Hall)*

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## **Reflection: The Woman at the Well**

*(John 4:1-42)*

### **1. Noticing the Story**

- What stands out to you most about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman?
- What surprises or challenges you in this story?
- Why does Jesus' simple request, "Give me a drink," matter?

### **2. Crossing Borders**

- What borders does Jesus cross in this story?
- Where might God be inviting us to cross lines of fear or assumption?
- Who are the overlooked in our community today?

### **3. Living Water**

- What does "living water" mean to you?
- Where do you usually go to quench your spiritual thirst?
- What restores your spirit when you feel dry?

### **4. Being Fully Seen**

- Where do you long to be seen without judgment?
- What parts of yourself do you tend to hide?
- How might it change your faith to trust that Christ already knows and loves your whole story?

### **5. From Isolation to Witness**

- What "water jars" might you need to set down?
- What good news have you experienced that is worth sharing?
- Who needs to hear your story this week?

### **Prayer**

Gracious God, you meet us at the wells of our lives—in ordinary places and at unexpected times. Give us courage to cross boundaries, honesty about our thirst, and joy that overflows into witness. Help us see others as Jesus sees us: with dignity, truth, and love. Amen..3

# Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People for the week of March 8, 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!



## Easter Plants to Order During the Month of March! (Easter is April 5)

Order your Easter plant to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may purchase a 6" potted Easter Lily, Tulip, Daffodil, or Hyacinth. Plants are \$10 each.

**Deadline to order is March 22.** Please start thinking about your order and your memorial message.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How many: Easter Lily \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Your memorial message (Please print legibly):**

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You may forward your order to the church office ([office@cscucc.com](mailto:office@cscucc.com)), order on [www.cscucc.org](http://www.cscucc.org), or place your order at church. Payment via check may be put in the offering plate, submitted to the office, or paid on the website. Any questions, please contact Carol Chaffee, [galchaffee@gmail.com](mailto:galchaffee@gmail.com).

Thank you!

*Carol, Congregational Engagement Team*



Use this QR code if you would like to pay by Venmo. Include "Easter flowers" in your transaction description.