



**Central Square Congregational
Church, UCC**

Bridgewater, MA

*“We are a Christian Community
of people who are reaching out to our neighbors, at home and abroad, sharing our faith
& our resources.”*

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

10:00AM – Worship

Special Guest Artist:

Sarah Heltzel, *Mezzo-soprano*

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP

Easter Prelude: *“The Day of Resurrection”* Lloyd Larson

Welcome

Introit: *“You Are Holy”* Per Harling

OPENING OUR HEARTS

Easter Litany (*inspired by 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Acts 10:34-43*)

One: At early dawn, when the light was just emerging and the shadows still long and deep the earth began to sing a tender and persistent hallelujah.

All: **And the resurrection smelled like death and dirt.
Christ, the Power of Love, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.**

One: At early dawn, with the salt of tears still crusting their eyes the women began to sing a grieving and faithful hallelujah.

All: **And the empty tomb sounded like weeping and questions.
Christ, the Wounded One, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.**

One: At early dawn, when no one could remember the sound of hope or the promise of a new day rising the world began to sing a fierce and determined hallelujah.

All: And the rising up tasted like bread and rejoicing.
Christ, the Way of Truth and Life, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.

One: At early dawn, as each day brings forth new agonies and injustices, we gather to sing a grateful and liberating hallelujah.

All: And this Easter feels like protest and praise.
Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Opening Hymn #233: *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

Prayer of Invocation

REMEMBERING OUR STORY

Communion Hymn #331: *“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”*

Invitation to the Table/Words of Institution/Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

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

Communion Offering: *“Then Sings My Soul/How Great Thou Art”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

EXPLORING THE WORD

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18 (Pew Bible pg.882)

Anthem: *“I Am”* Carolyn Stanhope

Reflection: *“She wept...”* Rev. Beth Stotts

Hymn #433: *“In the Bulb There is a Flower”*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation to Give

Offertory: *“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”* Handel

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

Hymn #238: *“Now the Green Blade Rises”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer for Easter Sunday

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.

LIVING WITH THE WORD

Closing Hymn #242: *“The Strife is O’er”*

Easter Acclamation

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

Easter Benediction: *“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”* *(see purple insert)*

Postlude: *“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”* P. Robertson

What's



Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday,

- Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am *(Hanson Farm)*
Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am *(Sanctuary)*
Church office open 9am-1pm *(Office)*
Worship 10am *(Sanctuary & Online)*

April 5 – Easter Sunday

Monday, April 6

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

Tuesday, April 7

- Church office open 9am-1pm *(Office)*

Thursday, April 9

- Church office open 9am-1pm *(Office)*
Food Pantry 10am-1pm *(Church Street)*
Property & Finance 7pm *(Kids Church Room)*

Friday, April 10

- Church office open 9am-1pm *(Office)*

Saturday, April 11

- Rummage Sale 9am-1pm *(Fellowship Hall)*

Sunday, April 12

- Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am *(Sanctuary)*
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:40am *(Sanctuary)*
Church office open 9am-1pm *(Office)*
Worship 10am *(Sanctuary & Online)*
Kids Church 10:15am *(Kids Church)*

Rummage Sale donations
accepted Tuesday-Friday 9am-1pm

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**



**Welcoming • Inclusive
Supportive • Engaged**

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 April 5, 2026

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

- Mary Barnsley asks for prayers for Heather and Mitch as they continue to mourn their daughter who passed away last year. (3/29)
- John Sharland asks for prayers for our veterans, especially those MIA's of Vietnam, and shared that our local Veterans memorial has been restored and is being rededicated today. (3/29)
- Prayers of celebration for our Altar Deacon, Stephanie Holmgren, who creates such beautiful seasonal decorations for our altar. (3/29)
- Diana Francis asks for prayers for her Dad who is navigating some abnormal test results and further tests to see what exactly is happening. (3/29)
- Hudson Muurisepp asks for prayers for an upcoming good week! (3/29)
- Sara Terpeny asks for prayers for her family on the passing of her father, Steve Moss, and thanks that she and her sisters were able to be with him during his last days in hospice. (3/22)
- Prayers for those working for the Dept. of Homeland Security and TSA who are still not being paid but continue working. (3/22)
- Continued prayers for the kids of our church and all the kids around the world, may they find peace, kindness and love, always. (3/15)
- Deb Sorgman asks for prayers for the people of Maui and Hawaii as a whole with everything they have been going through there. (3/15)
- Erik & Natalie Muurisepp ask for prayers for continued recovery for Gloria who has had her tumor removal surgery and gotten some good reports. (3/15)

- Kay Wheeler asks for prayers for her friend Pat who is dealing with returning health issues. (3/8)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- Mary Barnsley asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Maryann with memory issues. (9/18)
- 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.

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 FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of:

Connie & Gordon Brailsford	Loved Ones
Mary Barnsley	Ellen Carroll
Larry Brown	Louise & George Brown
The Muurisepp Family	All our loved ones
Philip & Carol Chaffee	Anne & David Chaffee
Kerri Judge	Carolee Hill
Stephanie Holmgren	Nana – Tillie Curtis
Rachael Lawson	Lawson, Holmberg & Lopez Family Brad Lawson
Ellen Crawford & Troy Hubbell	Loved Ones
Bruce Maclay	Mom and Dad

Bev Mitchell & Family	George H. Mitchell
Jenne Foronjy	Mommy, Dad, Billy & Ghost
Kay Wheeler	Julie Lybarger
Jane O'Connell	Loved Ones
Lynne Pietras & Gail Wright	Judy, Mum & Dad, Scott and healing for sister Beth
Anne Malmquist	Loved Ones
Steve & Connie Chandler	Loved Ones
Bill & Terry Reynolds	Loved Ones
Rev. Beth Stotts	Jon and Julie Lybarger
Gloria Weinrebe	Family Loved Ones
Gail Wershing	Departed Loved Ones

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
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all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread;
I am wine, I am bread.
Give to all who thirst and hunger.

Refrain

Now Christ sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
To proclaim the joyful gospel.

Refrain