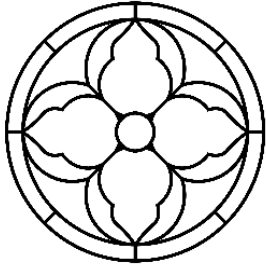


Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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, April 26, 2026

10:00AM

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *"Rondeau"* Jean-Joseph Mouret

Welcome, Announcements, & Invitation to Fellowship

OPENING OUR HEARTS

Introit: *"Holy Spirit, Come Now"* Jesse Manibusan

Call to Worship

One: We gather in a world full of noise and distraction,

Many: Yet God calls us into stillness.

One: We come carrying burdens, joy, questions and hope,

Many: And God meets us in every word we cannot yet say.

One: Come, not because we have the right words,

Many: But because God listens with love.

One: Come, let us pray.

Many: And let us worship.

Opening Prayer

Gracious and listening God,
You meet us before we speak
And remain when words fall away.
Center us in your presence today.
Quiet the noise within and around us,
That we might become people of prayer-
Honest in our longing, open in our seeking,
And faithful in our listening.
In this time of worship, teach us again how to pray.
Amen.

Opening Hymn #248: *“Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows”*

Moment For All Ages

EXPLORING THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Reading: Psalm 23 pg. 435

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:42-47 pg. 885

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God’s Grace

Musical Offering: *“The Lord Is My Shepherd”* H. Goodall

Message: Guided Prayer with Nina Gabel

Hymn #518: *“Father Almighty, Bless Us”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrations, Concerns, & Prayer Requests

Moment for Meditation, Prayer, & Quiet Reflection

Pastoral 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:

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation to Share

Offertory: *“Prelude in E Major”* JS Bach

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 #479: "God Is My Shepherd"

Benediction

Postlude: "Waltz #2" -Dmitri Shostskovich

What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, April 26

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

Tuesday, April 28

Church office open 9am-1pm (Office)
Springtime Afternoon Tea 1-3pm (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 29

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, April 30

Church office open 9am-1pm (Office)
Food Pantry 10am-1pm (Church Street)

Friday, May 1

Church office open 9am-1pm (Office)
2nd Annual Baked Potato Bar 5-7pm (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, May 2

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 3

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 Room)

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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**



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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If you would like to make an appointment with Rev. Beth, please email her at csccpastor@hotmail.com.

Pastoral emergency #: (508) 659-2361

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Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of April 26, 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.

- Prayers for Kurt Walker, a much loved friend of CSCC, who is needing a new kidney. Kurt grew up in our church. Prayers for Carol Walker as well, and requests for cards and visits for her. (4/19)
- Prayers for Barbara Montero, friend of Patrick Donahue, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. (4/19)
- Carol Chaffee celebrates the amazing young people of our congregation, and asks for prayers for them on their Christian journey. (4/19)
- Erik & Natalie Muurisep ask for prayers for continued recovery for Gloria as she continues on the path of her brain tumor, prayers for her doctors as well. (4/19)
- Prayers for Mary Barnsley's family, especially her sister Peggy who lost her husband Charlie unexpectedly today. (4/12)
- Elyse Racicot asks for prayers of peace for her dad, Beau who is living with dementia, and for herself, for her to have peace in her mind and body due to the pain and anxieties she lives with. She also asks for prayers for all the families who have lost a loved one to addiction, and for Nick Destiny and Drew who they lost to this disease. (4/5)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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 Mises 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!