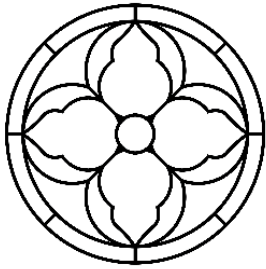


# Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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, May 10, 2026**

10:00AM

## **ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *"The Love of God"* Rafael Griffin

Welcome, Announcements, & Invitation to Fellowship

## **OPENING OUR HEARTS**

Junior Choir Introit: *"The Glory Song"*

### **Call to Worship**

One: Children of God: welcome!

**All: Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**All:** God invites us to be a part of the beloved community,

**One:** God invites us to share in the good news:

**All:** We are welcome, just as we are.

We are loved, just as we are.

**One:** In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

### Opening Prayer

Holy and Present God, as we share this space and time together with you, may our hearts be opened and our minds engaged. Through our worship, let the Spirit of Truth live and move in our shared experience. In your name, glory and honor. Amen.

**Opening Hymn #467:** *"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"*

### Moment For All Ages

## **EXPLORING THE WORD**

**Gospel Reading:** John 14:15-21 pg.877

**New Testament Reading:** Acts 17:22-31 pg.902

### Prayer for Transformation

#### Words of Grace

**Anthem:** *"Better Is One Day"* Matt Maher

**Sermon:** *"To Live and Move"* Rev. Beth Stotts

**Hymn #383:** *"When Love Is Found"*

## **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.*

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

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

### Invitation

**Offertory:** *"If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments"* T. Tallis

### 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 #383:** *"Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls"*

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Keep My Commands" Stephen deCesare



## What's Happening at CSCC This Week

### Sunday, May 10

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)  
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:40am (Sanctuary)  
Worship 10am (Sanctuary & Online)  
Kids Church (Kids Church Room)

### Tuesday, May 12

Church office open 9am-1pm (Office)  
Church Staff meeting 10am (Fireplace Room)

### Wednesday, May 13

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Property & Finance 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, May 14

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

### Friday, May 15

Church office open 9am-1pm (Office)  
Annual Reports AND Steeple Sounds submissions due!

### Saturday, May 16

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, May 17

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)  
Worship 10am (Sanctuary & Online)  
Kids Church (Kids Church Room)  
Potluck Lunch 11am (Fellowship Hall)

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## Follow us!

Instagram: @centralsquarechurch

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Check our Website: [www.cscucc.org](http://www.cscucc.org)

## **Church Staff and Officers**

Pastor:	Rev. Elizabeth Stotts
Minister of Music:	Julia Scott Carey
Director of Video Evangelism:	Paul Holmes
Office Manager:	Jennifer Foronjy
Sexton:	Rich Sullivan
Kids Church Director:	Eric Stotts
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Communications:	Diane Sheibley
Treasurer:	David Sheibley
Financial Secretary:	Karissa Marquis

## **To contact the Church Office:**

E-mail: [office@cscucc.com](mailto:office@cscucc.com)

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

## **Please donate to our ministries!**



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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

Rev. Beth Stotts – [csccpastor@hotmail.com](mailto:csccpastor@hotmail.com)

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***For Emergency Pastoral Care, call: 508-659-2361***

## **Mustard Seeds Prayer List**

**Prayer List of the People For the week of May 10, 2026**

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

- Prayers of healing for John Shalginewicz of the Bridgewater Food Pantry as he recovers from a recent dog bite. (5/7)
- Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Liz Stansel following her recent passing. (5/3)
- Natalie Muurisepps asks for prayers on the passing of her grandmother, Olive. (5/3)
- Prayers for Sally Burke as she transitions to a memory care unit in Easton. (5/3)
- Carol Chaffee asks for continued prayers for her friend's sister as she navigates the dementia diagnosis. (5/3)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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.***

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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!