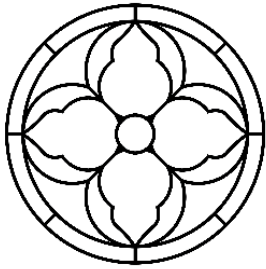
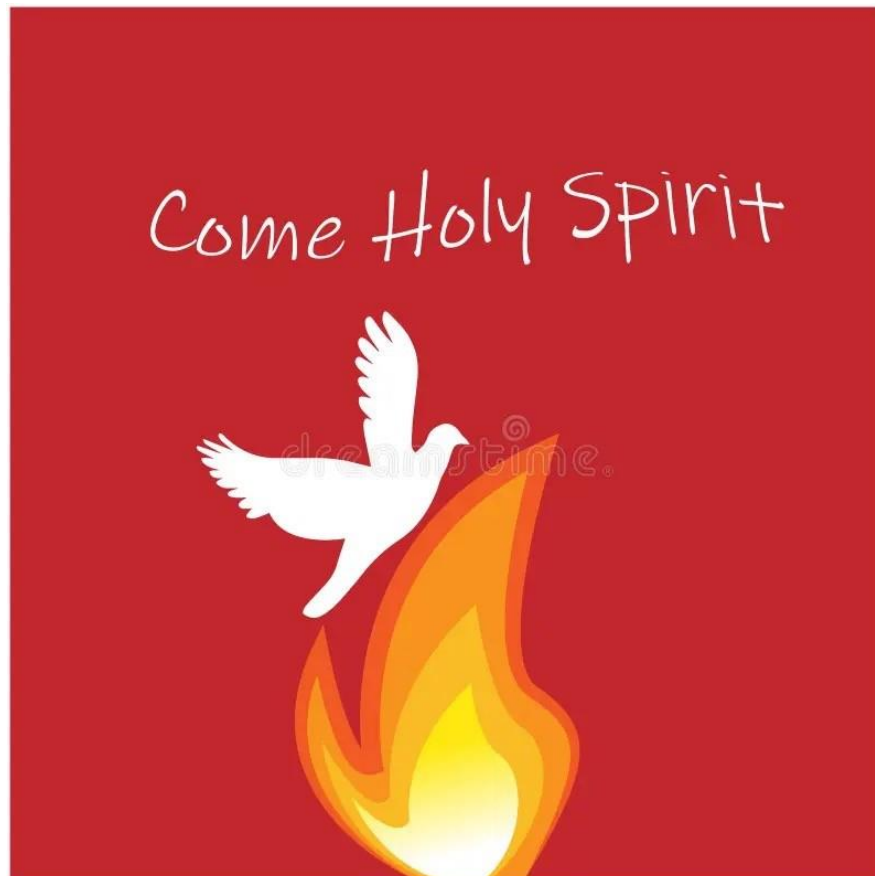


Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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 24, 2026

10:00AM

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *"Rise Up, O People"* C.E. Waltz

Welcome, Announcements, & Invitation to Fellowship

OPENING OUR HEARTS

Introit: *"Spirit of the Living God"*

Call to Worship

One: On that first Pentecost, the Spirit came like wind and fire-

All: Breaking barriers, opening hearts, speaking in every language.

One: But the Spirit was not confined to one moment-

All: The Spirit is still moving, still speaking, still stirring.

One: In every breath, in every gathering, in every act of love-

All: Pentecost is happening again.

One: Come, Spirit of the living God-

All: Fall afresh on us.

Congregational Singalong: "Come, Holy Spirit" Jon Vieker
(see (color) insert)

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, you are not bound by time or place.

You did not come once and then depart-
you come again and again, in every moment,
in every heart open to your presence.

Blow through this space like a rushing wind.

Ignite within us a holy fire.

Speak through us in ways we do not yet understand,
and help us hear one another with new ears.

Remind us that Pentecost is not just a story we tell-
it is a reality we live. Amen.

Opening Hymn #262: "Hail, O Festal Day!"

Service of Membership

EXPLORING THE WORD

Gospel Reading: Acts 2:1-21 pg.885

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Words of Grace

Anthem: "Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord" S. DeCesare

Sermon: "What Does This Mean?" Rev. Beth Stotts

Hymn #268: "Creator Spirit, We Pray"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrations, Concerns, & Prayer Requests

Moment for Meditation

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 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: "Holy Spirit" Heather Sorensen

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 #267: *"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"*

Choral Benediction *"Almighty"* Twila Labar

Postlude: *"Spirit of the Living God"*

What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, May 24 – PENTECOST!

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

Tuesday, May 26

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

Wednesday, May 27

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

Thursday, May 28

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

Friday, May 29

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

Saturday, May 30

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

Sunday, May 31

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 *(Fellowship Hall)*

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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

Please donate to our ministries!



Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of May 24, 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.

- Heather Ciaramitaro asks for prayers of strength with new MS challenges following Frank's recent car accident. They are currently without a vehicle to help him get out of the house. (5/17)
- Patrice Foronjy asks for prayers for her sisters and their families. (5/17)
- Prayers for Cheryl whose Parkinson's is progressing. (5/14)
- Mary Barnsley asks for prayers for Katt, who is having a very difficult pregnancy. (5/7)
- 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 Muurisepp 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 Kurt Walker. Kurt grew up in our church. Prayers for his mom, Carol Daiker Howe 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)
- 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 MIAs 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)
- 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 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!

Welcoming New Members

Calling Forth of New Members

Introduction

Promises from the New Members

Covenanting

New Member Covenant:

We enter this community of faith with hope and possibility in our hearts, pledging to participate in and support the ministries of this church. We covenant to remain true to the spirit of Christ's love that flows through this church and guides us.

We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

Promise from the Congregation:

We welcome you as once we were welcomed ourselves.

We seek to be open and inclusive; respecting you, your ideas, and your vision, in times when it is easy and in times when it is difficult.

We seek to be supportive, not only when you reach out in courage to us, but also when you need us to reach out to you. In return we ask that you recognize our humanity: we will not always live up to our ideals.

And when we fall short, we invite you to stay in relationship with us and help us more fully bring alive the spirit of Christ's love in the world. We welcome you as an equal member of this congregation, of this faith, and of our shared spiritual journey.

UCC Statement of Mission and Faith

As people of the United Church of Christ, we seek within the Church Universal to participate in God's mission and to follow the way of the crucified and risen Christ.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,

we are called and commit ourselves:

To praise God, confess our sin, and joyfully accept God's forgiveness;

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our suffering world; To embody God's Love for all people;

To hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace;

To name and confront the powers of evil within and among us;

To repent our silence and complicity with the forces of chaos and death;

To preach and teach with the power of the living Word;

To join oppressed and troubled people in the struggle for liberation; To work for justice, healing, and wholeness of life; To embrace the unity of Christ's church;

To discern and celebrate the present and coming reign of God.

Blessing

Loving God, give to each of us strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, the comfort of faith, love that cannot die, laughter in the company of friends, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ who makes us one. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit

JON D. VIEKER

Antiphon



(All) Come, Ho-ly Spir - it, fill the hearts of your faith-ful peo - ple.



Kin - dle in them the fire of your love. Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: How many are your works, O Lord;
in wisdom you made them all.
The earth is wide and full of your creatures;
they look to you for food.

All: **Antiphon**

Choir: When you give them their food in due season,
they gather it up.
When you send forth your Spirit, you make them
and you renew the earth.

All: **Antiphon**

Choir: Glory be to the Father and Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was, is now, and shall be,
world without end. Amen.

All: **Antiphon**

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