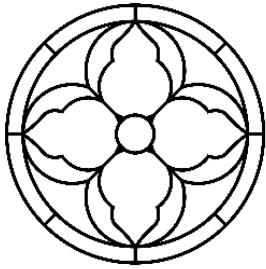
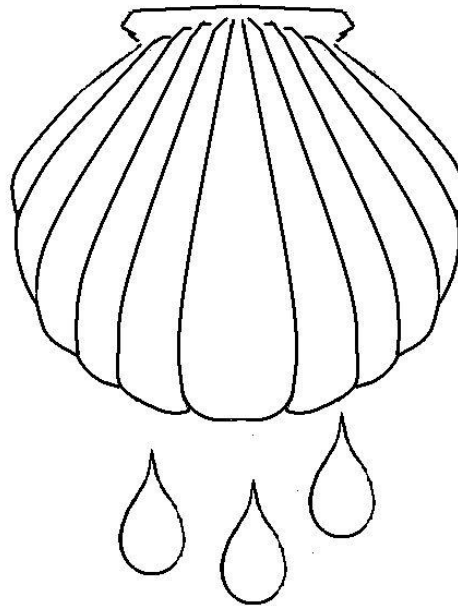


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71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324



*"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, August 9, 2026

10:00AM

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Invitation to Fellowship

OPENING OUR HEARTS

Introit

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who are weary.

All: **We come with open hands and hopeful hearts.**

One: Come, all who have been told you are too small,

too young, too old, too broken, or not enough.

All: Christ welcomes us with love and grace.

One: Come, all who long to know God's embrace.

All: We come as beloved children of God.

One: Let us worship the One who says,
"Let the little children come to me."

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Holy and welcoming God, before we sing, before we pray,
before we speak another word,
remind us that we already belong to you.
You do not ask us to earn your love or prove our value.
You simply invite us to come.
Open our hearts to receive your grace
as a child receives a loving embrace.
Free us from the burdens of comparison and achievement,
and help us to discover again the joy of trusting in you.
May this hour of worship renew us in faith, deepen us in love,
and send us into the world ready to welcome others
as Christ has welcomed us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Congregations Choice*

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:13-16 pg.822

Moment For All Ages

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Candidate: *Elizabeth Margaret Marquis*

Statement of Purpose & Profession of Faith

Congregational Commitment

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

Baptism in the Name of the Triune God

Presentation, Declaration, and Blessing

Hymn of Joy #325: *"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"*

EXPLORING THE WORD

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:13-16 pg.822

Sermon

Hymn #351: *"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"*

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation to Give

Offertory

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: *Congregations Choice*

Benediction

Postlude

What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, August 9

Worship 10am *(Sanctuary & Online)*

Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 12

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

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

Thursday, August 13

Food Pantry 10am-1pm *(Church Street)*

Property & Finance *(Kids Church Room)*

Saturday, August 15

Steeple Sounds Submissions Due

Sunday, August 16

Outdoor Worship 10am *(The Turquoise Table)*

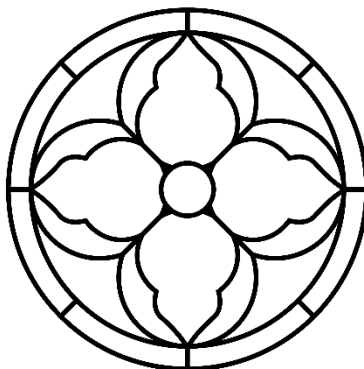
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We are delighted to Worship with you today!

*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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Cristi Ciaramitaro

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Sexton:	Rich Sullivan
Kids Church Director:	Eric Stotts
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If you would like to make an appointment with Rev. Beth, please email her at csccpastor@hotmail.com.

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Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of August 9, 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.*

- Terry Reynolds asks for prayers for Cori, daughter of her longtime friend whose cancer has returned and she is not doing well. (7/26)
- Prayers for Cass Foronjy Travers who is going through some rough medical issues currently. (7/20)
- Drew Sullivan is asking for prayers as he struggles to find the right career and become independent. (07/12)
- Prayers for Hayley in the loss of their mother only 3 months after losing their father, as they are devastated and in need of support. (7/06)
- Prayers for everyone affected by the very hot weather in the past few days. (07/05)
- Katrina Judge asks for continued prayers for her father as his treatment continues. (06/14)
- Donna & Bill O'Neil ask for prayers of comfort for the family and friends of their friend, Shaun King, who recently passed away. (6/4)
- Terry Reynolds' friend Debbie, who is undergoing surgery for cancer this week. Please keep her in your prayers. (5/24)
- 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 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)
- 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)

- 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)
- 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)
- 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)

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!