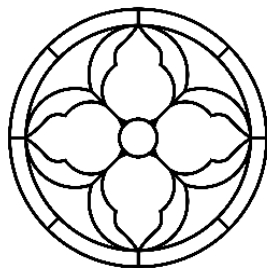


Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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



Jesus said: *"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."* Matthew 13:31-32

Sunday, September 13, 2026

10:00AM

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: "O Worship the King" Phillip Keveren

Welcome, Announcements, & Invitation to Fellowship

Introit: "Unless a Grain of Wheat" Bernadette Farrell

Call to Worship

One: We gather with what we have -

All: A little faith, a little love, a little courage.

One: We gather with what we can offer -

All: Our time, our gifts, our prayers, our love.

One: We gather trusting that God can take small things and make them grow.

All: Like a tiny mustard seed becoming a place of shelter and life.

One: Come, let us plant ourselves once again in God's good soil.

All: Let us grow together in faith, hope and love, and let us worship the God who makes all things grow!

Opening Prayer

God of seeds and seasons, we thank you for bringing us together. Some of us arrive full of energy and excitement. Some arrive tired. Some are ready for a new beginning. Some are wondering where we fit. Holy One, meet us exactly where we are. Remind us that we do not need to have everything figured out. We do not need to be the biggest, the strongest, or the most impressive. A mustard seed is small. A single act of kindness is small. One prayer is small. One person saying "yes" is small. And yet, in your hands, small things can become places where others find shelter, nourishment and belonging. Through our worship, plant your love deeply within us today, and help us grow together. Amen.

Opening Hymn #26: "We Worship You, God"

SHARING

Congregational Reflection: What I Did On My Summer Vacation

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31-32

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks Be to God.

Pastoral Reflection

Hymn #540: "We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed"

GIVING

Invitation

Offertory: "Gift of Finest Wheat"

Robert Kreutz

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

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.
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.*

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Communion Hymn #343: "Jesus Took the Bread"

Invitation, Words of Institution, and Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #528: *"You Are the Seed"*

Benediction

Postlude:

"Jesus Paid It All"

Marcia Wells

What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, September 13

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)
Church Office open 9am-1pm (Office)
Worship w/Communion 10am (Sanctuary & Online)
Kick-off 'Sundae' and BBQ 11am (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, September 14

Magical Event Meeting 6pm (Fireplace Room)

Tuesday, September 15

Church Office open 9am-1pm (Office)
CSCC Staff Meeting 9:30am (Fireplace Room)
Church Crafters 2pm (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 16

Church Office open 9am-1pm (Office)
Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)
Cabinet Meeting 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, September 17

Food Pantry 10am-1pm (Church Street)

Friday, September 18

Church Office open 9am-1pm (Office)

Saturday, September 19

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 20

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 (Kids Church Room)
Potluck Lunch 11am (Fellowship Hall)
Confirmation Info Session 11am (Fireplace Room)

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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Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of September 13, 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 John & Karen, friends of the Sheibleys, whose daughter and partner are facing a very difficult and serious medical situation for their soon-to-be newborn. (9/5)
- Asking for prayers for Michelle and her children Brayden and Rowan. (8/30)
- Asking for prayers Meghan Damon's family member struggling with health issues. (8/27)
- Asking for prayers for Jessica Mastin's dear friend Sheila and family (8/20)
- 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. (7/12)
- Katrina Judge asks for continued prayers for her father as his treatment continues. (6/14)
- 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!