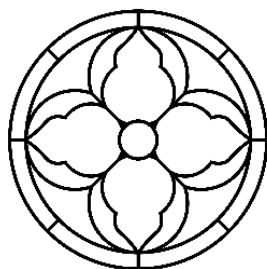


Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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, September 20, 2026

10:00AM

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *"My Heart Ever Faithful"* J.S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements, & Invitation to Fellowship

OPENING OUR HEARTS

Introit: *"Waiting for the Touch of God"* R. Sandberg

Call to Worship

One: God calls us together.

All: **We come, bringing what we have and who we are.**

One: Some of us are weary, some are lonely, or feeling lost, or burdened.

All: **Some of us come with excitement and deep joy.**

One: In this place there is room for all of it.

All: We are welcome here with whatever we carry.

One: Here there is love and grace.

All: Let us worship the God who calls us all beloved.

Opening Prayer

Sovereign and Awesome God, we come to worship You, to know You and to be known by You. Expand our hearts to love fully. Build our courage to receive the truth. Nurture your spirits to be gracious, merciful and kind. Through our worship today, transform us in Your image and for Your glory as we dwell in Your presence. Amen.

Opening Hymn #532: "Come, Labor On"

Moment For All Ages

EXPLORING THE WORD

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 Pg. 783

Anthem: "Grateful" Tom Tomaszek

Sermon: "What is Fair?"

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory: "I Believe" Performed by Bob Richards

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: "Labourers in the Vineyard" George Stuart
(see green insert)

Benediction

Postlude: "The Vineyard" Amy Lauren

What's Happening at CSCC This Week

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

Tuesday, September 22

Church office open 9am-1pm (Office)
Rummage Sale Team 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

Food Pantry 10am-1pm (Church Street)
Church Crafters 2pm (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, September 26

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 27

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

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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Moderator:	Anne Malmquist
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Phone: 508-697-6016

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 September 20 , 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 son 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)
- 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)
- 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 Miseses 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!

Labourers in the Vineyard – George Stuart
(Based on Matthew 20)

1. God's kin-dom was the focus
Whenever Jesus taught.
The people heard of freedom,
The message they all sought.
He used familiar customs,
The life-style that they knew
To tell of God's intention
For everything we do.
As we hear the story
God's kin-dom comes close by.
It will appear
For those who hear
To charm and edify.

2. Quite early in the morning
One hired folks each day;
This owner of a vineyard
Set normal rates of pay.
But as the evening hastened
with need to hire more,
the folk still stood there idle
As others had before.
As we hear the story
God's kin-dom comes close by.
It will appear
For those who hear
To prompt the question, 'Why?'

3. Now when the day was ended
Those hired last were paid.
Imagine their amazement
At payments they were made.
Though working just one hour,
(They could not take it in.)
They got a full day's wages.
"Where does one's thanks begin?"
As we hear the story
God's kin-dom comes quite near.
A gen'rous deed
Can sow a seed;
For those who wish to hear.

4. The labourers, who worked through
The blazing midday sun,
Expected from the owner,
For all the work they'd done,
A comprehensive increase
On what had been agreed;
The owner did not listen;
Their claims received no heed.
As we hear the story
God's Kin-dom is expressed.
We must discern
We cannot earn
The love with which we're blest.

5. The owner asked those workers
To search their hearts and mind.
"Why must you be so jealous
Because I have been kind?
I paid you all fair wages;
I gave this guarantee.
But if, as well, I'm gracious –
That's what I choose to be!
Deep within this story
God's reign is bountiful.
Grace lies beyond
The justice pond,
An ocean, wonderful!