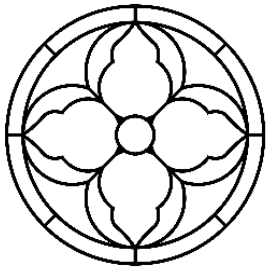


Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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, October 11, 2026
10:00AM

Prelude: *"Rondeau"* Jean-Joseph Mouret

Welcome & Announcements

Invitation to Fellowship

Introit: *"My Shepherd is the Living God"*

Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 23*)

One: We rejoice in the One who leads beside still waters,
And gives us refreshment of soul.

**All: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,
So that the name of God will be glorified.**

One: Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,
For the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

All: We are never far from the love and mercy of the Lord,

And we shall be with him forever and ever. Amen!

Opening Hymn #3: *"Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works"*

Unison Prayer of Invocation & Confession

O God, you are beyond words and description,
Your love is beyond knowledge and explanation.
Make our hearts ready to receive you today,
Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect your glory.
We rejoice in the power of your holy spirit.
God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves.
Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege.
Keep expecting more of us as your disciples.
Remind us to listen to your Son, as we offer you the silent confessions of our hearts...

Assurance of God's Grace

Acclamation of Praise – Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

Moment For All Ages

Hebrew Bible Reading: Psalm 23 Pg.435
Anthem: *"The Lord Is My Shepherd"* Howard Goodall
Sermon: *"In Pursuit"* Rev. Beth Stotts
Hymn #518: *"Father Almighty, Bless Us"*

Prayers of the People

Celebrations and Concerns

(At this time, you are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation. When you have finished, you may say, "This is my prayer". The congregation will reply, "This is our prayer".)

Moment for Meditation, Reflection, and Quiet Prayer

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: *"Prelude in E Major"* J.S. Bach

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

Closing Hymn #479: *"God Is My Shepherd"*

Benediction

Postlude: *"The Red Buoy"* Anne Cawrse

What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, October 11

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)
Church Office open 9am-1pm (Office)
Worship 10am (Sanctuary & Online)
Kids Church (Kids Church Room)
Youth Outing 1-3pm (Offsite – Top Golf)

Monday, October 12

Church Directory Photo Day! (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, October 13

Church Office open 9am-1pm (Office)
CSCC Staff Meeting 10am (Fireplace Room)
Church Crafters 2pm (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 14

Church Office open 9am-1pm (Office)
CSCC Fair Meeting 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, October 15

Food Pantry 10am-1pm (Church Street)
Magical Event Meeting 6pm (Fireplace Room)
Property & Finance 7pm (Kids Church Room)

Saturday, October 17

Rummage Sale 9am-1pm (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 18

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:40am (Sanctuary)
Worship 10am (Sanctuary & Online)
Kids Church (Kids Church Room)
Potluck Lunch 11am (Fellowship Hall)

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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Kids Church Director:	Eric Stotts
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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.

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Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of October 11, 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 of comfort for the Cook family of Bridgewater who lost their beloved patriarch, Winston, on 10/2. (10/6)
- Deb Moore asks for prayers for a friend and her husband as he struggles with multiple health issues. (9/28)
- Prayers for the family and friends of Sally Burke, who passed away on 9/18. (9/21)
- 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)
- 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 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!