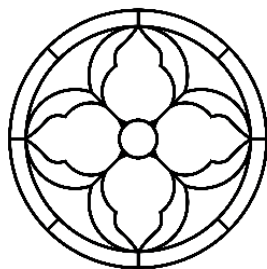


Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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, April 12, 2026

10:00AM

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *"Jesus Strong and Kind"* Colin Buchanan

Welcome, Announcements, & Invitation to Fellowship

OPENING OUR HEARTS

Introit: *"Come, Celebrate with Thanksgiving"*

Call to Worship:

One: Blessed are those who come with open hearts, those who hunger for something more, those who know the ache of the world.

All: **We come, seeking comfort, seeking justice, seeking God.**

One: Blessed are the gentle, the ones who choose compassion over power, the ones who dare to make peace.

All: We come, longing to be shaped into people of mercy and grace.

One: Blessed are those who mourn, for they carry love deep enough to grieve. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

All: We bring our sorrow and our hope, our longing and our courage.

One: Blessed are the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who persevere in love, even when the world resists.

All: We come to be renewed, to be reminded of who we are, to be called again into God's way.

One: Come, for this is a place of blessing. Come, for this is a place of becoming. Come, let us worship together.

All: We come to worship God!

Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of blessing, we come before you with open hearts—
hungry for hope, longing for peace, carrying both sorrow and joy.

Shape us into people of your way: gentle in spirit, merciful in action, and courageous in seeking justice. Meet us here, in our need and in our hope, and remind us that we are already held in your grace. Amen.

Opening Hymn #251: *"I Greet You, Sure Redeemer"*

Moment For All Ages

EXPLORING THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Reading: Psalm 15 pg. 430

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 pg. 785

Anthem: *"Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"* Jane Marshall

Reflection: *"The Beatitudes"* Patrick Donahue

Hymn #247: *"My Shepherd Is the Living God"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrations, Concerns, & Prayer Requests

Moment for Meditation, Prayer, & Quiet Reflection

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

Offertory: *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* Marcia Wells

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 #249: *"Peace I Leave With You My Friends"*

Benediction

Postlude: "Jesus Loves Me" Yusefien Moudy

What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, April 12

Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:30am (Sanctuary)
Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:40am (Sanctuary)
Worship 10am (Sanctuary & Online)
Kids Church 10:15am (Kids Church)

Tuesday, April 14

Church office open 9am-1pm (Office)

Wednesday, April 15

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)
Cabinet Meeting 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

Church office open 9am-1pm (Office)
Earth Day Pancake Supper 6pm (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, April 18

Thrift Shop 10am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 19

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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

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Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of April 12, 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.

- Jenne Foronjy asks for prayers of healing for her kiddo, Cass, who is dealing with some sudden health issues and is in the hospital. Thank you. (4/5)
- 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 MIA's 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)
- Prayers for those working for the Dept. of Homeland Security and TSA who are still not being paid but continue working. (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)
- Erik & Natalie Muurisepp ask for prayers for continued recovery for Gloria who has had her tumor removal surgery and gotten some good reports. (3/15)

- Kay Wheeler asks for prayers for her friend Pat who is dealing with returning health issues. (3/8)
- Heather Ciaramitaro asks for prayers for Frank as he navigates new MS challenges. (2/22)
- Tallinn Muurisepp asks for prayers for his Meme's mom and brother, as well as his Pepe's brother, who is going through a hard time. (2/22)
- 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)
- Carol Chaffee asks for prayers for a dear friend's sister who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. (2/1)
- 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)
- 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!