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**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
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**Welcome to  
Worship**

*Rev. Thomas Bentley*

**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

United Church of Christ  
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

**October 15, 2023  
10:00 am**

**\*PRELUDE**

*In Fond Remembrance*

Moore

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Tom Bentley

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader : The depth, breadth and height of God's creation knows no bounds*

**People:** We are called to be stewards of God's world.

*Leader: Who is exempt from the love of God?*

**People:** Even though we turn away from God, God's love is still poured out to us.

*Leader: God, heal our wounded spirits, encourage and inspire us to do your will.*

**Leader & People:** Be present with us as we grow and learn in our faith. AMEN.

**OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

**Lord of diversity and union, we call upon you this day to open our hearts to your love, our ears to your words, our eyes to see the needs of those both near and far, and our spirits to do your will. Be with us and give us courage and inspiration for the future of your world, O Lord. AMEN**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"O Jesus I Have Promised"**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

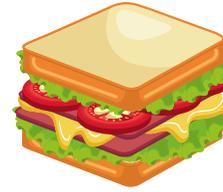
**Phil Fisher**

**Exodus 32:1-14 The Message**

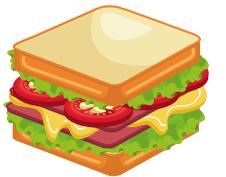
**When the people realized that Moses was taking forever in coming down off the mountain, they rallied around Aaron and said, "Do something. Make gods for us who will lead us. That Moses, the man who got us out of Egypt—who knows what's happened to him?"**

\*Stand as you are able

# Soup & Sandwich Sunday



Join us for lunch on **Sunday, October 22nd**, right after the service. Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup or a dish of sandwiches and enjoy some heavenly food, music, and fellowship. That Sunday we will be collecting cans of soup to help out Haven From Hunger. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex



**Craft Nights 2023**

Calling all knitters! Our Centre Church Holiday Fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 4. We are looking for infant/childrens knitted hats and sweaters and adult knitted scarves. We have lots of adult hats. Also, we need donations of jewelry for the Jewelry Table. You can drop them off in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.

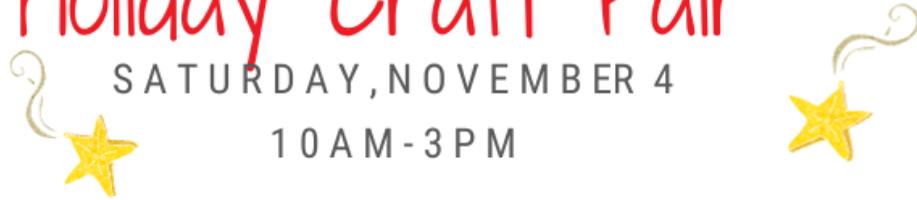


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# Holiday Craft Fair

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10 AM - 3 PM



Start your holiday shopping early! Lots of great items from talented local artisans will be featured including:

- Unique jewelry \* Quilted bags
- Fabric baskets \* Pottery
- Gift baskets \* Original art
- Wreaths \* Photography
- Ornaments \* Quilts \* Place mats
- Pot holders \* Handmade cards
- Pottery \* Dog and cat treats \*
- Pillows \* Aprons \* Throws
- Folk art painting \* Wool mittens and MORE!

— PLUS! —



Bake Sale

Festival of Trees

RAFFLE



**5 SUMMER STREET, LYNNFIELD MA**

So Aaron told them, "Take off the gold rings from the ears of your wives and sons and daughters and bring them to me." They all did it; they removed the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from their hands and cast it in the form of a calf, shaping it with an engraving tool.

The people responded with enthusiasm: "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up from Egypt!"

Aaron, taking in the situation, built an altar before the calf.

Aaron then announced, "Tomorrow is a feast day to God!"

Early the next morning, the people got up and offered Whole-Burnt-Offerings and brought Peace-Offerings. The people sat down to eat and drink and then began to party. It turned into a wild party!

God spoke to Moses, "Go! Get down there! Your people whom you brought up from the land of Egypt have fallen to pieces. In no time at all they've turned away from the way I commanded them: They made a molten calf and worshiped it.

They've sacrificed to it and said, 'These are the gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt!'"

God said to Moses, "I look at this people—oh! what a stubborn, hard-headed people! Let me alone now, give my anger free reign to burst into flames and incinerate them. But I'll make a great nation out of you."

Moses tried to calm his God down. He said, "Why, God, would you lose your temper with your people? Why, you brought them out of Egypt in a tremendous demonstration of power and strength. Why let the Egyptians say, 'He had it in for them—he brought them out so he could kill them in the mountains, wipe them right off the face of the Earth.' Stop your anger. Think twice about bringing evil against your people! Think of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants to whom you gave your word, telling them 'I will give you many children, as many as the stars in the sky, and I'll give this land to your children as their land forever.'"

And God did think twice. He decided not to do the evil he had threatened against his people.

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

*Laudamus Te*

*Sleeth*

**\*Doxology**

Tune: Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Living God, whom we adore*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**We pray for George Haydan, Marjorie Potter, Jeff Stevens,  
Bob Blanchard, Mike Nickerson & Al Johnson.**

**THE LORDS PRAYER (in unison)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, AMEN**

**ANTHEM**

*Seek and You Shall Find*

*Sleeth*

**GOSPEL READING**

**Phil Fisher**

**Matthew 22:1-14 The Message**

**Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.**

**"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'"**

**"But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.**

**"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.**

**"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man here who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'**

**"For many are invited, but few are chosen."**

**Message: "Dressing Down the Lost"**

**Rev Tom Bentley**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"**

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**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Tom Bentley**

**POSTLUDE**

***Sing Aloud To God Our Strength***

***Hughes***

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Our ushers this morning are Kathi Martin and Phil Fisher

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of Anabel C. Aldrich and Harold Aldrich by Charles Thompson and family.

Our coffee fellowship host this morning is Linda Ladd