

## 2024 HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR & FESTIVAL OF TREES

Centre Congregational Church is hosting a  
Holiday Craft Fair on

Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm!

Over two dozen artisans will display their work, which includes jewelry, original art, quilted bags, fabric baskets, wreaths, photography, ornaments, quilts, place mats, handmade cards, pottery, folk art painting, wool mittens, dog and cat treats, and more.

There will be a Festival of Trees raffle to win gifts and decorations on themed Christmas trees and a bake table to choose a sweet treat.

Volunteers needed. Sign up sheets in the Narthex.



### Worship Notes.

**Music licenses:** One License with license #A-733437,  
and CCLI License #A-2267261 and Streaming  
#CSPL169342, Size A



### CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

Rev Thomas Bentley, Pastor

Douglas W. Hodgkins, Organist/Choir Director

Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School

Bella Travaglini, Administrative Assistant



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## “Stone Soup”

*Rev. Thomas Bentley*

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

**October 20, 2024**

**10:00 am**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Randy Russell

Leader: The rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth to give it life.

People: God pours God’s love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

Leader: We are blessed with many gifts and talents.

People: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

Leader & People: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.

AMEN.

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Randy Russell

Lord, everywhere we look we see the blessings of your creative love. The beauty of nature shows us your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, help us to know that we are part of your creation, meant to take care of everything. Help us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.

\*Opening Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#506

Call to Offering  
Offertory

\*Hymn of Praise (in unison)

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 *(dedication of the Heifer Project gifts)*

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

3 Jesus loves me! Still today,  
walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live. [Refrain]

## **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #506**

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!**



**2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to our God in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to our God in prayer!**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
burdened with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to our God in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to our God in prayer!  
Jesus' arms will take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.**



## **Joys and Concerns**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)**

**William DiGiorgio**

**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**

**Gospel Reading**

**Cameron DiGiorgio**

**Matthew 14:13-21**

***The Message***

**When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick.**

**Toward evening the disciples approached him. “We’re out in the country and it’s getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper.”**

**But Jesus said, “There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper.”**

**“All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish,” they said.**



Jesus said, “Bring them here.” Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

**Special Program for All Ages: “Stone Soup”**

*(To better offer more inter-generational experiences in worship, we plan to regularly have more opportunities for our young people to participate. They will be invited to lead and participate in special times of interactive story-telling, performances, music, and song. This Sunday we will focus on our congregation’s ongoing mission work to help feed our neighbors who are struggling with food insecurity.)*

**\*Closing Hymn                      “Jesus Loves Me”                      #327**

***Verse 1 sung by our young people  
Verses 2 & 3 with the whole Congregation***

**Benediction**

**Postlude**



**Our ushers today are  
Jeff Langill and Phil Fisher.**



The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of Jean Lambe from Chris, Susan, Jeff, and Steve Lambe.

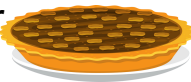


**Please join us for Soup and Sandwich  
Sunday following Worship!  
Enjoy heavenly food, music and  
fellowship.**

**Your help is needed in making 100  
peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to  
be donated to  
My Brother’s Table in Lynn.**



**Our Nov. 2nd Holiday Fair is fast  
approaching and we are looking for  
bakers and volunteers to staff the  
bake table. All types of baked  
goods are welcomed.**



**If you are interested in baking or  
helping at the bake table, sign up  
sheets are available in the Narthex  
or you can contact  
Annmarie Pendola 617-549-9164.**

