

We welcome Rev. Jamie Howard as our guest preacher
on Sunday, June 1st.

**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

The Special Meeting of the church will be held
on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 11:10 a.m.
to discuss the following items:

1. Presentation and Approval of the 2025 to 2026 Temporary Operating Budget
2. Term extension of Officers, Ministry Team Chairs, and Other Positions

Bruce Weaver, Moderator

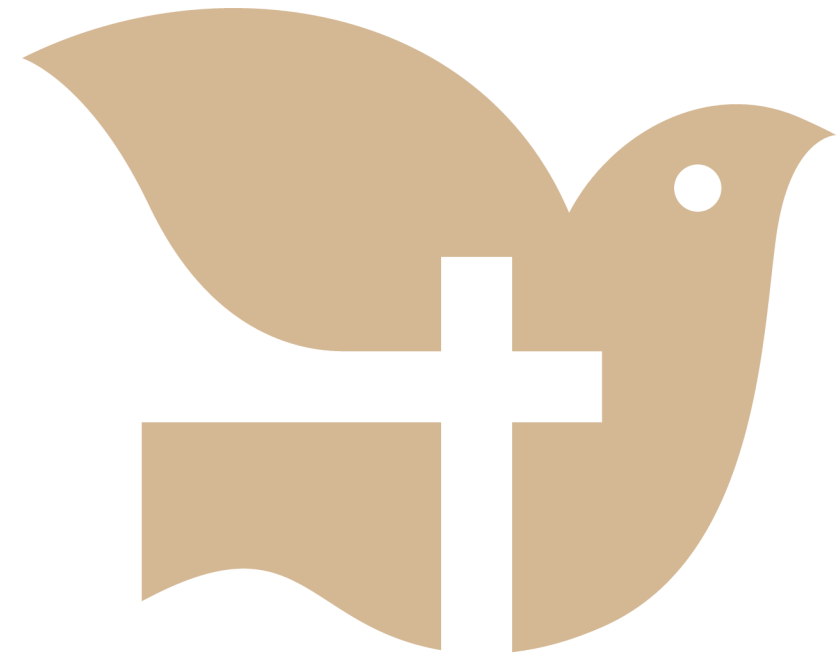
Worship Notes.

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Rev Thomas Bentley, Pastor
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Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School



**“What Do You Want Me
To Remember?”**

Jeffrey Langill

Worship Leader

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

May 25, 2025

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Jim Wilkie

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress.

People: The Lord hears when I call to him.

Leader: When you are weak, do not sin; put your trust in the Lord.

People: the Lord hears when I call to him.

Leader: I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

People: The Lord hears when I call to him and takes me to himself.

*Hymn “Lift Every Voice and Sing” #593

Prayer of Invocation *(in unison)* Jim Wilkie

Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. Amen

The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)* Jim Wilkie

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 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” William Whiting

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

“Peace I Leave With You My Friends” #249

Refrain:

Peace I leave with you, my friends
Shalom, my peace in all you do
Peace I leave with you, my friends
I give to you so you can give to others too

1 To share God’s love is why I came;
To show God's kindness without end,
Go now my friends & do the same,
Until I come again.

Refrain

2 Take my hand & be at peace;
The spirit of our love I send,
And with this love you will be free,
Until I come again.

Refrain

3 With this love now all will know
That loneliness is at an end.
Rejoice, my friends, although I go,
For I will come again.

Refrain

*Stand as you are able

1 Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last,
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
God who has brought us thus far on the way;
God, who by your might,
Let us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world forget you;
Shadowed beneath your hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our god, true to our native land.

God, mark us with grace
and blessing! Smile!
The whole country will see how you work,
all the godless nations see how you save.
God! Let people thank and enjoy you.
Let all people thank and enjoy you.
Let all far-flung people become happy
and shout their happiness because
You judge them fair and square,
you tend the far-flung peoples.
God! Let people thank and enjoy you.
Let all people thank and enjoy you.
Earth, display your exuberance!
You mark us with blessing, O God, our God.
You mark us with blessing, O God.
Earth’s four corners—honor him!

Children’s Time **Barbara Langill**
*Following Children’s time, children will be going outside to plant marigolds
around the front of the church.*

Call to Giving

Offertory **“America the Beautiful”** **Katharine Lee Bates**

Doxology

***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, who we adore.

Prayer of Dedication

NewTestament Reading
John 14:23-29

Jim Wilkie
NRSVUE

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

Sermon “What Do You Want Me To Remember?” Jeffrey Langill

*Closing Hymn “Peace I Leave With You My Friends” #249

(Please be seated for the Benediction and Postlude)

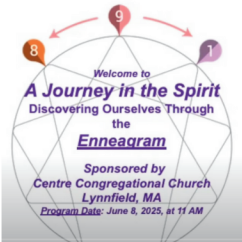
Benediction

Postlude

Our ushers today are Scott Barké and Raden Sorli Hawk.



Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Nancy Lauzon.



All Church Gathering, June 8th

We will be holding our next

All-Church Gathering entitled- “Who Are We?” -

Step Two in our ongoing Journey in the Spirit,
following Worship on June 8th.

To participate, please go to <https://assessment.youenneagramcoach.com/>
and take this free Enneagram Survey.

Self-scoring print surveys are available in the Narthex.

Once the survey is completed, please print out or
write down the basic results provided.

What is most important is recording your highest number plus the two
next highest numbers from the nine “Types”
measured in the questionnaire.

Please register in the Narthex if your plan to attend on June 8th
or call the Church office at 781-334-3050.

Thanks to all for coming along in the JOURNEY.