

Celebration Sunday



*Please join us for Celebration Sunday
on Sunday, June 15 at 10 a.m.*

*The children and youth of Centre Church
will be leading the service.*

*This will be our last Sunday in the Sanctuary.
We will celebrate the end of the school year
with an ice cream social.*

Worship Notes.

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United Church of Christ

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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“When the Spirit Breaks In”

Rev. Thomas Bentley

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 2025

10:00 am

Prelude “Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland” Fedak

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Kathi Martin

Leader: God says: I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

People: The Spirit has come! Alleluia!

Leader: Young and old, women and men, dreamers and prophets,

People: The Spirit has come! Alleluia!

Leader: Come, let us worship with joy and expectation.

All: Let us be filled with the Spirit and sent out in power!

Opening Prayer *(in unison)* Kathi Martin

Holy Spirit, breath of God, you rush like wind and burn like fire. You cross barriers of language, race, gender, and fear. On this Pentecost, fill us anew.

Empower us to speak your truth, to hear your voice in unexpected places, and to love boldly. Come, Spirit of God—come! Amen.

Anthem “Done Nobis Pacem” Arr. Hopson

The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)* Kathi Martin

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.

*Opening Hymn “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” #59

New Testament Reading Kathi Martin
Acts 2 1-13a, 14-21 *The Message*

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

“We Are One in the Spirit”

1 We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity
And save each one’s pride.

Chorus
3 We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we’ll spread the News
that God is in our land.

Chorus

*Stand as you are able

**1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light,
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o'er a world of gloom and blight,
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Earthbound souls to glory high,
living, life-imparting Spirit,
you we praise and magnify.**

**2 Holy Spirit, ever breathing
On the Church the breadth of life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through your people's ceaseless strife,
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ,
In our worship we will praise you
For your fruit and gifts unpriced.**

**3 Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry –
Quickening, strengthening,
And absolving, setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age and soul to soul,
In community unending
You we worship and extol.**

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans?"

They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!" Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?" Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

Peter Speaks Up

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says,
"I will pour out my Spirit
on every kind of people:
Your sons will prophesy,
I'll set wonders in the sky above
and signs on the earth below,
Blood and fire and billowing smoke,
the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,
Before the Day of the Lord arrives,
the Day tremendous and marvelous;
And whoever calls out for help
to me, God, will be saved."

Children's Time

Following Children's Time, children ages 4 and up are invited to join us for Kid's Classroom in Room 10.

Call to Offering
Offertory “As We Gather At Your Table” Dow
Doxology

*Hymns of Praise
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
Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Gospel Reading Kathi Martin
John 14:15-21 *The Message*

“If you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and he’ll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can’t take him in because it doesn’t have eyes to see him, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you!

“I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you’re going to see me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you.

“The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him.”

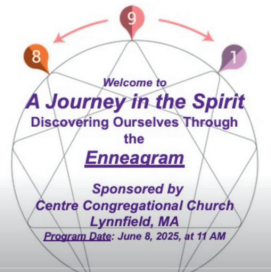
Message: “When the Spirit Breaks In”

*Closing Hymn “We Are One in the Spirit”
Benediction Rev. Tom Bentley

“Go out into the world, filled with the breath of God.
Speak peace, offer healing, live with courage.
May the Spirit inspire our dreams and strengthen our witness.
Amen”

Postlude “Processional on Psalm 150” Jordan

Our ushers today are Scott Barké and Jeff Langill.



All Church Gathering, Today Following Worship
“Who Are We?” -
Step Two in our ongoing Journey in the Spirit.
Followed by a Luncheon hosted by
Rev. Tom Bentley and the Parish Council.