

A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man’s condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I’ll pay you on my way back.’

“What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?”

“The one who treated him kindly,” the religion scholar responded.

Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”

Message: “Gut Compassion” Rev. Tom Bentley

Closing Hymn: “Lord, I Want To Be A Christian” #454

Benediction
Postlude

Our ushers today are Raden Sorli Hawk and Phil Fisher

Please join us for Coffee Hour which is hosted by Annmarie Pendola and Katherine Decker.

We welcome our guest organist, Kellie Tropeano.



Children of all ages are welcomed to Room 14 this morning during Worship Service for Compassion Camp with Christine Marshall and Christina Joly.

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United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

July 13, 2025 10:00 am

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** Jim Wilkie

Leader: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

People: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

Leader: How shall we answer?

People: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

Leader: How shall we answer?

Leader & People: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus’ Holy Name. AMEN.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*) Jim Wilkie

Lord of justice and mercy, we come to you this day seeking your healing and reconciling love. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power so that we, having been healed, may more fully serve you. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. 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.

***Opening Hymn:** “Rain Down” (*See Insert*)

New Testament Reading Jim Wilkie

Colossians 1:5-8 *The Message*

The Message is as true among you today as when you first heard it. It doesn’t diminish or weaken over time. It’s the same all over the world. The Message bears fruit and gets larger and stronger, just as it has in you. From the very first day you heard and recognized the truth of what God is doing, you’ve been hungry for more. It’s as vigorous in you now as when you learned it from our friend and close associate Epaphras.

*Stand as you are able

He is one reliable worker for Christ! I could always depend on him. He’s the one who told us how thoroughly love had been worked into your lives by the Spirit.

Call to Offering

***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

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel Reading Jim Wilkie

Luke 10:25-37 *The Message*

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. “Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?”

He answered, “What’s written in God’s Law? How do you interpret it?”

He said, “That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.”

“Good answer!” said Jesus. “Do it and you’ll live.”

Looking for a loophole, he asked, “And just how would you define ‘neighbor’?”

Jesus answered by telling a story. “There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.