



Our ushers today are Jeff Langill and Jeff Law

Please join us for Coffee Hour which is hosted by Janet Everson



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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“Living into the Essentials”

Rev. Thomas Bentley

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United Church of Christ

5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

July 20, 2025 10:00 am

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** Scott Barke

Leader: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands.

People: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.

Leader: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

People: We want to quietly rest in God’s presence, free from the clamor of the world.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Leader & People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen

Opening Prayer *(in unison)* Scott Barke

From the demands and pressures of this past week, we come, O Lord, seeking rest and renewal. Hear the cries of our hearts, our prayers, our needs. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)* Scott Barke

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:** “Love Divine, All Love Excelling” #43

New Testament Reading Scott Barke
Colossians 1:15-28 *The Message*

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God’s original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he’s there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so expansive, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

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 Scott Barke
Luke 10:38-42 *The Message*

As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village. A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said. But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen. Later, she stepped in, interrupting them. “Master, don’t you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me? Tell her to lend me a hand.”

The Master said, “Martha, dear Martha, you’re fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it’s the main course, and won’t be taken from her.”

Message: “Living into the Essentials” Rev. Tom Bentley

Closing Hymn: “Take My Life, God, Let It Be” #448

Benediction
Postlude

*Stand as you are able