

Pastoral Prayer

Song: "The Goodness of God"

Scripture reading

Psalm 146: 1-10

Kellie Tropeano

Message: "How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Closing Song: "You're Worthy of My Praise"

Benediction

Postlude

Our ushers today are David Bjorkman and Jim Wilkie

Please join us for Coffee Hour which is hosted by Annmarie Pendola

Thank you to Kellie and Kerrie for todays special service!

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"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

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CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

August 10, 2025 10:00 am

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship Kellie Tropeano

Songs:
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Congregational Prayer (*in unison*)
We hear Your calling, Lord; how can we keep from singing? How can we keep our lips from proclaiming the good news, that Jesus Christ brings healing and forgiveness to all? From the life in His blood He has freed us, making us a royal priesthood. Whether we have seen or believe without seeing, we have found new life. In Jesus’ name, we give thanks and praise. Amen!

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)
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.

New Testament Reading Jeff Langill
Acts 16:23 - 40 *The Message*

The judges threw Paul and Silas into jail, telling the jailkeeper to put them under heavy guard so there would be no chance of escape. He did just that —threw them into the maximum security cell in the jail and clamped leg irons on them.

Along about midnight, Paul and Silas were at prayer and singing a robust hymn to God. The other prisoners couldn’t believe their ears. Then, without warning, a huge earthquake! The jailhouse tottered, every door flew open, all the prisoners were loose.

Startled from sleep, the jailer saw all the doors swinging loose on their hinges. Assuming that all the prisoners had escaped, he pulled out his sword and was about to do himself in, figuring he was as good as dead anyway, when Paul stopped him: “Don’t do that! We’re all still here! Nobody’s run away!”

The jailer got a torch and ran inside. Badly shaken, he collapsed in front of Paul and Silas. He led them out of the jail and asked, “Sirs, what do I have to do to be saved, to really live?” They said, “Put your entire trust in the Master Jesus. Then you’ll live as you were meant to live—and everyone in your house included!”

Call to Offering

Offering Music
"How Can I Keep From Singing" Elly Tropeano, Tessa Tropeano,
Kellie Tropeano, & Kerrie Fraser

*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

*Stand as you are able