



Sunday August 2, 2026

"A Simple Faith"

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United Church of Christ

5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, MA 01940

Children can go directly to room 14 for our summer program, Animal Crackers, focusing on HEIFER. Each week the children will learn about a different animal and its benefits.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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Call to Worship

Debbie Cotting

Leader: We stand before you, God, with ready arms reaching for you.

People: We bow before you, God, with humbled hearts seeking you.

Leader: We sing before you, God, with glad voices raised to meet you.

People: We kneel before you, God, with open souls lifted to greet you.

Leader & People: God, in your glory, you have graciously reached for us. We gather this day, reaching for you.

Amen.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

Debbie Cotting

Jesus, Creator God, Holy Spirit,

You are the author and perfecter of our Faith. You save us and sustain us. Help us to trust in your and to worship whether we have a lot of a little.

May our praise bring you glory and remind us of your promises.

We love you, Lord, we seek your presence, and we worship you alone. Amen

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

Debbie Cotting

**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.

***Hymn:** *"There is a Name I Love to Hear"*

#52

1 There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:

O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
whose love has first found me!

2 It tells my Savior's love for all,
Christ died to set us free;
Whatever problems may befall,
We'll live in dignity. **[Refrain]**

3. It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below. **[Refrain]**

Hebrew Testament Reading

Debbie Cotting

Lamentations 3:22-26 *(NRSVUE)*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies
never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope
in him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that
seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of
the Lord.

Call to Offering

Ruth Buxton

Offertory

***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, whom we adore.

Prayer of Dedication

Matthew 6:25-33 (NRSVUE)

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,^[a] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

***Hymn:** *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

#82

1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

2 Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort
still you;
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Benediction

Ruth Buxton

Postlude

Our ushers today are Annmarie Pendola and Jim Wilkie.

Our Coffee Hour hosts are Cheryl & Phil Fisher.

ADVANCE NOTICE

THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED FROM
THURSDAY 30TH JULY
TO SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST

FOR ANY PASTORAL OR URGENT NEEDS DURING
THIS TIME THERE WILL BE AN OPTION ON THE
CHURCH TELEPHONE NUMBER TO BE PUT
THROUGH TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON

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