

Our ushers today are Lauren Patriquin-Muise and George Hayden..
Our Coffee Hour hosts today are Ann and Dwight Decker.

Worship Notes:

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WELCOME BACK TO CENTRE CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2022

- 4th: Worship in the Chapel with **Holy Communion**
Rev. Lori preaching
- 11th: Worship Returns to the Sanctuary and Livestream
Kick-off Fall Worship Series: Re-Shaped
Blessing of the Backpacks for all ages in worship
Welcome back to Church School
- 18th: Worship in person and Livestream, Church School
Annual Meeting immediately following worship
4:00 pm - Confirmation Orientation for Confirmands and Parents
5:00 pm - Youth Group Pizza Party before Night of Hope
6:00 pm - Night of Hope with A Healthy Lynnfield - all ages
- 25th: Worship and Church School
Laraine Wilson preaching

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School
Alison O'Connor, Church Administrator



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

September 11, 2022

10:00 am

WE GATHER
Prelude

The Solid Rock Broughton

Welcome and Announcements
Worship Series Introduction
Calling on God

Debbie Cotting: Let us pray together.

Creator God, you sit at the Potter’s Wheel and continue to fashion beautiful things. Open us to your ongoing re-shaping of our lives and help us believe that we are capable of change. Calm our fears, and animate our spirits for this time of discovery. Amen.

Opening Hymn

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God* #12

WE PROCLAIM

Mini Message

Blessing of the Backpacks (see insert) Larainne Wilson

Contemporary Reading

The Song of the Potter By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Debbie Cotting

A Word in Music

Like A Tree Beside The Water Martin

Ancient Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-6 Debbie Cotting

Response L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

P: Thanks be to God.

**stand as you are able*

The Message

"Change as Spiritual Practice" Rev. Lori Wyckoff

Sermon Hymn

God Moves in a Mysterious Way #412

WE PRAY

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
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.

Sung Response *Ready for a Change* Miller

WE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Call to the Offering
Offertory *In the Bulb There is a Flower* Sleeth
**Hymn of Praise (unison)* Tune: Old Hundredth

**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*

Closing Hymn

**We Would Be Building* #607

WE GO OUT

Benediction

Postlude

A Joyous Acclamation Smith

Blessing of the Backpacks
A Litany for the Whole Congregation

One: In the morning when I wake to ready myself for learning,

All: God, be the light that guides my day.

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All: God, be the light that shines the way.

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All: God, be the light they see in my eyes.

One: On the playground at recess or at the stop for the bus,

All: God, shine through me like the sun so bright.

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