

Our ushers this morning are Raden Sorli Hawk and Steve Riley
Our coffee fellowship host is Annmarie Pendola

About Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

Priscilla Lawrence, a Massachusetts native, received her Master of Divinity degree at Yale Divinity School. Ordained in Fall River, where her father was a minister, her first call was as Associate Minister at the Dane Street Congregational church in Beverly. Following that and until the present she served as sole pastor at the Community Church in Pepperell. Priscilla lives in Dunstable with her husband, Patrick. Together they have two daughters, Elizabeth, and Jane. Elizabeth is a lawyer completing a clerkship with a federal judge in Phoenix and Jane is starting her second year of medical school at Mt. Sinai. Both are engaged to be married in the near future! Priscilla just completed her Doctor of Ministry degree in Transformational leadership at the Boston University School of Theology. In her free time, she loves to needlepoint and garden. She is an avid reader and runner.

Priscilla genuinely looks forward to leading worship at the
Centre Congregational Church.

Worship Notes.

Music licenses: One License with license #A-733437, and CCLI License #A-2267261 and Streaming #CSPL169342, Size A

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The Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence, Bridge Pastor
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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

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United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

July 9, 2023
10:00 am

WE GATHER

Centering Words (based on Ps. 86)

Great are the works of God's hands. Wondrous are the blessings of Christ's love. Holy are the works of God's spirit.

Prelude

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship

Rev. Priscilla: Call to the Lord, who hears our prayers.

People: Sing to the Lord, who delights in our songs.

Rev. Priscilla: Wait for the Lord, the source of our hope.

People: Worship the Lord, who is worthy of our praise.

*Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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*Unison Opening Prayer

God of wondrous love, your miracles always catch us by surprise. We are often confused by the events in our world. Come and walk with us. Open our hearts to hear your truth. Plant the seed of new life within us. In trust of your loving presence, we pray.

* 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.

Pastoral Prayer

*stand as you are able

Offering

Call to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Old 100th

Hymn

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 17

Jim Marshall

Response

Jim: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"What Brand of Giant are You?"

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Distribution of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, in the variety of people we call Church, you feed us as hungry guests. Thank you for trusting us to come to this table, for now we are enabled to serve our community and the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn

*Congregation's Choice

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude