



Our Soloists today are Camille Hodgkins & Lauren Donadio

Our Ushers this morning are Annmarie Pendola and Dwight Decker

Our coffee fellowship hosts are Lisa Gerbick, Ann Decker & Katherine Decker



Worship Notes.

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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

July 30, 2023

10:00 am



WE GATHER

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Centered on God's Spirit, we come to nourish the soil of our lives. Planted in God's grace, we are prepared to grow in God's word as we live in the love of Christ.

Prelude

Greeting, Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Minister: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Minister: Come! Rejoice in our God.

People: Let us give thanks, whatever life brings.

Minister: Prepare the way of the Lord and make straight the path for God's arrival.

People: In prayer, song, and service, let us prepare for the birth of love. Let us worship!

*Opening Hymn

Congregation's choice

*Unison Opening Prayer

Spirit of God, we give you thanks for drawing near, for touching the world in the savior's birth. Help us to draw near to you, as we prepare to worship. Guide us as we share the good news with those who suffer, and as we offer our friendship to those who are alone. Come, Spirit of God, be born in us anew, that we may live in your mercy and your grace.

* 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.

*stand as you are able



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Christmas Litany

Raden Sorli-Hawk

Anthem

Laudamus Te (from the Vivaldi Gloria)

Camille & Lauren

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Call to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

In the Bleak Midwinter

Camille & Lauren

Tune: Old 100th

**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

Sermon Hymn

Congregation's choice

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20

Doug Hodgkins

Response

Doug: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Road To Bethlehem: Bypass or Destination?"

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

Closing Hymn

Congregation's choice

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

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