



Our ushers this morning are Steven Riley & Bill Seelig
 Our soloist this morning is Elyssa Bjorkman
 Our coffee fellowship hosts are Nina Emery & Roy Sorli



Make sure you stay for Coffee Hour on August 13th!
 We will have the pleasure of having Ron Sarro sing a variety of Irish, Beatles and praise songs along with favorites from the 60s and 70s.

Ron grew up in Lynnfield and is a 1976 graduate of Lynnfield High School. He is the president of the Lynnfield Historical Society and MCs Open Mic beer gardens for the Danvers Historical Society. Ron lives in West Peabody with his wife and one of his two adult daughters



Worship Notes.

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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

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United Church of Christ
 5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

August 6, 2023
10:00 am

WE GATHER

Silent Centering Words

Answer your greatest call: To love God with all that you are; and to love your neighbor as you love yourself. Do this and God will prosper the work of your hands.

Prelude

Greeting, Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 90, Mt 22)

Minister: God has been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, before the earth and sky were formed,

Minister: God was from everlasting to everlasting.

People: We come to worship this day, that God may gather us in.

Minister: We will be close to God's heart, and we will dwell in God's grace.

People: We will love God fully, and we will love one another as well.

Minister: Together let us now worship!

Opening Hymn

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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*Unison Opening Prayer

We come to you, O Lord, our Provider, hungry. Sit us down. Quiet our minds and hearts. Feed us. Nourish us in this holy place that we may be filled with you.

* 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

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

Hymn

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 22: 15-40 (pg 900)

Scott Barke

Response

Scott: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Healthy Love of Ourselves"

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Distribution of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God Almighty, who is and was, we give you thanks that you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. We thank you for this feast of love and victory. Give us courage to serve you in costly obedience, that your ways of justice and truth may triumph on this earth. Amen.

Closing Hymn

*Congregation's Choice

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude