

Our ushers this morning are Steve Riley and Phil Fisher
Our soloist this morning is Pat Hanson
Our coffee fellowship hosts this morning are Nancy Lauzon & Anmarie Pendola

**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

**The Annual Meeting of the church will be held
on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.
to discuss the following items:**

**The appointment of Rev. Thomas Bentley as
Designated Term Pastor
Annual Report 2023**

- 1. Reports of Officers and Ministry Teams**
- 2. Proposed Church By-Laws Revision**
- 3. Presentation and Approval of the 2023 to 2024 FY Budget**
- 4. Election of Officers, Ministry Team Chairs, and
Other Positions**
- 5. Remembrance of Deceased Members**
- 6. Recognition of 50 Year Members**

Bruce Weaver, Moderator

Worship Notes.

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The Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence, Bridge Pastor
Douglas W. Hodgkins, Organist/Choir Director
Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School
Alison O'Connor, Church Administrator



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

September 17, 2023

10:00 am

WE GATHER

Silent Prayer of Preparation

"My soul shall be joyful in the Lord; it shall rejoice in God's salvation." (Ps. 35:9).

Prelude

Greeting, Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship (based on Psalm 20)

Minister: May the Lord answer us when we are in trouble.

People: May the name of God protect us.

Minister: May God send us help and give us support from the holy place.

People: May God remember all our sacrifices.

Minister: The sacrifice you ask of us, O Lord, is heart that turns away from that which is not of you.

People: Turn our hearts to you, O Lord, this day.

Minister: Let us worship God together!

Opening Hymn

**God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

#531

Unison Opening Prayer

Most Holy God, we ask your presence with us this morning, in ways that we can sense, as we seek to listen closely to your word and how it is the we might be faithful to your call.

Send your Holy Spirit to anoint each one of us, individually and as a community, with joy, with gratitude, and with hope. In the Name of Jesus.

* 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.

Anthem

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

#459

Pastoral Prayer

*stand as you are able

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Offering

Call to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#506

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**

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Giver of Life, receive these gifts as tokens of our lives. Send your Spirit to work among us until we grow in grace. May our gifts we offer this day spread the good news of life abundant in Christ. Amen.

Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

#23

Scripture Reading

Selections from Joshua 6

Barbara Langill

Response

Barbara: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What is *Your* Jericho?

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Most holy God, we came to your table hungry for hope and healing. Through the bread and the cup you have strengthened us in body, mind, and spirit to do your will in the world. We thank you for drawing our hearts and minds into such communion with you, and with one another, that we can be signs of your love in the world.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn

**Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

#77

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

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