

**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



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

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United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

September 24, 2023

10:00 am

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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

WE GATHER

Silent Prayer of Preparation

O God, may I know the breadth and length and height and depth of your love. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hegarty

Greeting, Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord, my God, you are very great. You are clothes with splendor and majesty.

People: We praise you, O God, and bless your holy name,

Minister: You are wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

People: We praise you, O God, and bless your holy name.

Minister: You make the clouds your chariot. You ride on the wings of the wind.

People: We praise you, O God, and bless your holy name.

Minister: How many are your works, O Lord. In your wisdom you have made them all.

People: Praise the Lord! Let us worship God together!

Opening Hymn

**Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise*

#1

Unison Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, into this place and lift our hearts in praise.

Come, Holy Spirit, into this space and lift our spirits in prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, into each one of us, that our lives might be immersed in goodness and 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.

Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem

Arr. Hopson

Pastoral Prayer

*stand as you are able

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Our ushers this morning are David Bjorkman and Scott Barke

Our coffee fellowship hosts this morning are the Parish Council

Worship Notes.

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Thank you to Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence for all your guidance this summer as we transitioned. Centre Church is so grateful for your time here. We wish you the best in your next chapter. Please join us after Worship as we wish her well.

Thank you!

Offering

Call to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Benedictus

Curry

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

Generous God, you call us to love and serve others. We present these gifts to you, that through them food might be provided to the hungry, and shelter and clothing might be provided to those without. May your Kingdom come, O God. May your justice be done. Amen.

Hymn

Fill My Cup, Lord

(pg. 4 in bulletin)

Scripture Reading

John 4:1-15 (pg 969)

Scott Barke

Response

Scott: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Is the Well Deep Enough?

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

**Savior, Again to your Dear Name*

#80

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

Festival

Price

1 ~ Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

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3 Your life is life giving, to both great and small; in all life you're living, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers, then wither and perish but naught dims your powers.

4 So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight; all praise we now render, as your angels do; in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

#80 Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

1 Savior, again to your dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise. We join to bless you ere our worship cease, then, in silence, wait thy word of peace.

2 Grant us your peace upon our homeward way; with you began, with you shall end the day. Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called upon thy name.

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3 Grant us your peace, Lord, as day turns into night; stay with us till the coming of light. Keep safe all those who call upon your name, for dark and light to you are both the same.

4 Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life, our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife. Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

Fill My Cup, Lord

1 Like the woman at the well I was seeking For things that could not satisfy; And Then I heard my Savior speaking: "Draw from My well that never shall run dry."

Refrain: Fill my cup, Lord-I lift it up Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul; Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more~ Fill my cup, full it up and make me whole!

2 There are millions in the world who are craving For things that earthly things afford; But none can match the wondrous treasure That I find in Jesus Christ, my Lord.

Refrain: Fill my cup, Lord-I lift it up Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul; Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more~ Fill my cup, full it up and make me whole!

3 So, my brother if the things this would gave you Leave hungers that wouldn't pass away, My blessed Lord will come and save you, If you kneel to Him and humbly pray:

Refrain: Fill my cup, Lord-I lift it up Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul; Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more~ Fill my cup, full it up and make me whole!