

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to staff church tables at the Holiday Craft Fair on November 4 from 10AM - 3PM.



Also needed are wrapped baked goods – cookies, brownies, breads, cakes, pies – your choice! Sign up in the Narthex or contact Debbie Cotting if you can help.

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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**“Looking Into
the Face of
God”**



Rev. Thomas Bentley

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United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

October 22, 2023

10:00 am

***PRELUDE**

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Arr. Boyles

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Law

Leader: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

People: In God we live and move and have our being.

Leader: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

People: We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

Leader & People: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side.

AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jeff Law

God, you are our refuge. When the world gets to be too much with us, we turn to you for consolation and healing. Help us today to hear your words of compassion. Enable us to be those who would willingly serve all people in need. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeff Law

Exodus 32:12-23 The Message

Moses said to God, "Look, you tell me, 'Lead this people,' but you don't let me know whom you're going to send with me. You tell me, 'I know you well and you are special to me.' If I am so special to you, let me in on your plans. That way, I will continue being special to you. Don't forget, this is your people, your responsibility."



CENTRE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Holiday Craft Fair

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10 AM - 3 PM



Start your holiday shopping early! Lots of great items from talented local artisans will be featured including:

- Unique jewelry * Quilted bags
- Fabric baskets * Pottery
- Gift baskets * Original art
- Wreaths * Photography
- Ornaments * Quilts * Place mats
- Pot holders * Handmade cards
- Pottery * Dog and cat treats *
- Pillows * Aprons * Throws
- Folk art painting * Wool mittens and MORE!

— PLUS! —



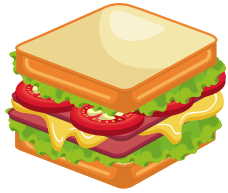
Festival of Trees

RAFFLE



5 SUMMER STREET, LYNNFIELD MA

Soup & Sandwich Sunday



Join us after worship for our
Soup and Sandwich lunch!



Calling all Youth!

**WE NEED
YOUR
HELPING
HANDS**



Come help make 100 sandwiches
for My Brother's Table at the
Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on
Sunday, October 22 after worship.



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God said, "My presence will go with you. I'll see the journey to the end."

Moses said, "If your presence doesn't take the lead here, call this trip off right now. How else will it be known that you're with me in this, with me and your people? Are you traveling with us or not? How else will we know that we're special, I and your people, among all other people on this planet Earth?"

God said to Moses: "All right. Just as you say; this also I will do, for I know you well and you are special to me. I know you by name."

Moses said, "Please. Let me see your Glory."

God said, "I will make my Goodness pass right in front of you; I'll call out the name, God, right before you. I'll treat well whomever I want to treat well and I'll be kind to whomever I want to be kind."

God continued, "But you may not see my face. No one can see me and live."

God said, "Look, here is a place right beside me. Put yourself on this rock. When my Glory passes by, I'll put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I've passed by. Then I'll take my hand away and you'll see my back. But you won't see my face."

Call to Offering

Offertory
*Doxology

Jazz Cantate

Beck

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

**Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer**

THE LORDS PRAYER (in unison)

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

Lay Your Healing Hands Upon Me

Dillworth

GOSPEL READING

Jeff Law

Matthew 22:15-22 The Message

That’s when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod’s followers mixed in, to ask, “Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don’t pander to your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, “Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it.” They handed him a silver piece.

**“This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?”
They said, “Caesar.”**

“Then give Caesar what is his and give God what is his.”

The Pharisees were speechless. They went off shaking their heads.

MESSAGE

“Looking Into the Face of God’

Rev Tom Bentley

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Tom Bentley

POSTLUDE

God Of All Nations

Higgins



Our ushers this morning are Kathi Martin and Scott Barke

Our coffee fellowship host this morning is Linda Ladd



Worship Notes.

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