

Our Ushers today are Kathi Martin and Jim Wilkie

**The flowers on the altar this morning are given by
the Martin Family.**

Please join us for coffee hour, hosted by Denise Weaver

Worship Notes.

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“Divine Impulse”

Rev. Thomas Bentley

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

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10:00 am

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

Rev Thomas Bentley, Pastor
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Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School

Prelude *Fuguettes* Santucci and Rembt

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Bob MacKendrick

Leader: Gather this day in silence and hope.

All: We wait for God's word for us.

Leader: Let your hearts and spirits be open.

All: God is our strength and salvation.

Leader: Wait patiently for the Lord.

All: With willing hearts and spirits we wait for the Lord. AMEN.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Bob MacKendrick

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

*Opening Hymn

"Be Now My Vision"

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Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-10.

Bob MacKendrick

page 845 in Pew Bible

Children's Time

Children ages 4-12 will leave to go to the Kld's Classroom.

Call to Offering

Offertory

There's A Sweet Sweet Spirit In This Place

Akers

*Hymn of Praise

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessing 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 Lord's 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

Spirit Of Gentleness

Manley

Gospel Reading

Bob MacKendrick

Mark 1:14-20

The Message

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message."

Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed.

A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee's sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed.

Message: "Divine Impulse"

*Closing Hymn

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

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Benediction:

Rev. Tom Bentley

Postlude

Marche Solenelle

Mendelssohn

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You have come down to the lakeshore
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.

Refrain: Jesus, you have looked into my eyes,
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well my possessions.
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working. **Refrain**

You need my hands, my exhaustion,
Working love for the rest of the weary,
A love that's willing to go on loving. **Refrain**

You who have fished other waters;
You, the longing of souls that are yearning;
As loving Friend, you have come to call me. **Refrain**

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**1 Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
nothing surpasses the love you impart-
You my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.**

**2 Be now my Wisdom, and be my true Word;
ever within me, my soul is assured:
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
now and forever your child I will be.**

**3 Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
you my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
great God, my treasure , may we never part.**

**4 Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**