

This morning we welcome Gladys Vega, executive director of La Colaborativa. (formerly Chelsea Collaborative). Gladys has played leadership roles in organizing for immigrants' rights, tenants' rights, welfare rights, open space and the environment, multi-cultural and anti-racism programs, and in numerous grass roots campaigns.

Gladys believes that empowerment of the individual leads to the empowerment of the community and that social action is the vehicle an empowered community can use to achieve its goals.

Centre Church and the Lynnfield community have been partnering with La Colaborativa for the past several years supporting various programs including, food and clothing collections, diaper drives, Easter Baskets, Mother's Day gifts bags and much more.



### **Worship Notes.**

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### **CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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## **Celebration Sunday**

*Rev. Thomas Bentley*

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

**June 9, 2024 10:00 am**

Prelude "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Jackson

## Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Jeff Langill

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

**All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God.

**All: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.**

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

**Leader & People: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.**

**Amen.**

Opening Hymn They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love *(See Insert)*

Opening Prayer (in unison) Jeff Langill

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days.

**AMEN.**

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.

## "De Colores" (Sing of Colors) # 402

1. De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera.  
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera.  
De colores, de colores es el arco iris que vemos salir.  
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí,  
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí.

2. Sing of colors, sing of colors, that over the hills in profusion  
are springing.

Sing of colors of the birds that fly outside my window their  
canticles singing:

Sing of colors in the rainbow's bright colors God's promise of  
hope we recall:

Sing of colors, that make up the earth and give thanks to the  
God who created us all. Sing of Colors that make up the earth  
and give thanks to the God who created us all.

3. Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song to the  
God of creation.

Sing, rejoicing! Sing to God who so earnestly cares, who has  
offered salvation.

Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the  
colors of all.

Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us  
God's love to recall.

Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us  
God's love to recall.

# They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

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Based on John 13:35  
Peter Scholtes

... that they may be one, even as We are one . . . — John 17:22

ST. BRENDAN'S  
Peter Scholtes

*Unison*

1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

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 2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 4 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son,

1 And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 2 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 3 And we'll guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride:  
 4 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christ - ians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christ - ians by our love.

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Old Testament Reading  
Psalm 138:1-6

Jeff Langill  
The Message

Thank you! Everything in me says "Thank you!"  
 Angels listen as I sing my thanks.  
 I kneel in worship facing your holy temple  
 and say it again: "Thank you!"  
 Thank you for your love,  
 thank you for your faithfulness;  
 Most holy is your name,  
 most holy is your Word.  
 The moment I called out, you stepped in;  
 you made my life large with strength.  
 When they hear what you have to say, God,  
 all earth's kings will say "Thank you."  
 They'll sing of what you've done:  
 "How great the glory of God!"  
 And here's why: God, high above, sees far below;  
 no matter the distance, he knows everything about us.

Call to Offering  
Offertory

"It's My Desire"

Boyer

\*Hymn of Praise"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
 Praise Living God, who we adore.

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem	“Like A Mighty Stream”	Arr. Hogan
Gospel Reading Luke 10:25-37	<i>As presented by the Church School children</i>	
Guest Speaker Vega		Gladys
Closing Hymn:	“De colores”	#402
Words of Thanks and Benediction		Rev. Tom Bentley
Postlude	“In Christ There Is No East Or West”	Hughes



*Please join us on the front lawn for an Ice Cream Social!*

The altar flowers are in honor of Gladys Vega given by Social and Environmental Ministries

Our ushers today are Jim Wilkie



**Volunteers Needed!**

**We will be offering childcare in Room 14 each Sunday during Summer Worship. We need an additional helper to assist Christine Marshall. Please consider signing up for one Sunday a month. Grandparents, Parents, Teens welcome! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or contact Barbara Langill at [ba.langill@verizon.net](mailto:ba.langill@verizon.net)**