

Our ushers today are Bob MacKendrick and Jeff Langill

Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Janet Everson.



Children of all ages are welcome to Room 14 this summer during the Worship Service for supervised child care with Christine Marshall, but another adult is needed each week. Please consider signing up for a Sunday in July or August to assist. Contact Barbara Langill at [ba.langill@verizon.net](mailto:ba.langill@verizon.net)

#### Worship Notes.

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## “Nurture in the Times of Trouble”

### *Father's Day*

*Rev. Thomas Bentley*

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

**June 16, 2024 10:00 am**

## Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

Katherine Decker

**Leader: Welcome to worship today!**

People: Thank you. We are glad to be here!

**Leader: Open your eyes and your hearts to God's spirit.**

People: We open our lives to God's word for us.

**Leader: Rejoice! For God is with us this day!**

**Leader & People: Thanks be to God for God's loving presence. AMEN.**

#### Opening Prayer (in unison)

Katherine Decker

God of every thought and reality,  
Sustainer of all the miracles of our living,  
we gather here today as your people,  
children of the good news.

Assure us of your presence once again,  
that we may trust the mystery of life and growth,  
as we gather in the name of our Savior,  
who is Jesus, the Christ. Amen

#### The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Katherine Decker

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

#### Opening Hymn

"Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

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#### Old Testament Reading

Katherine Decker

Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15

*Pew Bible Pages 537 - 538*

## Children's Time

### Call to Offering

#### "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

#### Hymn

#### Gospel Reading

Katherine Decker

Mark 4:26-34

*The Message*

Then Jesus said, "God's kingdom is like seed thrown on a field by a man who then goes to bed and forgets about it. The seed sprouts and grows—he has no idea how it happens. The earth does it all without his help: first a green stem of grass, then a bud, then the ripened grain. When the grain is fully formed, he reaps—harvest time!

"How can we picture God's kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It's like an acorn. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge oak tree with thick branches. Eagles nest in it."

With many stories like these, he presented his message to them, fitting the stories to their experience and maturity. He was never without a story when he spoke. When he was alone with his disciples, he went over everything, sorting out the tangles, untying the knots.

#### Message:

"Nurture in the Times of Trouble"

#### Closing Hymn:

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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#### Benediction:

Rev. Tom Bentley