

Our ushers today are Raden Sorli Hawk and Phil Fisher.

Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Barbara and Jeff Langill.

Children of all ages are welcomed to Room 14 this summer during the
Worship Service for supervised child care with Christine Marshall.

Rev. Judy Brain, is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School where she was awarded the Billings Prize for Preaching. Judy served as senior minister at Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Lexington for 17 years. A resident of Essex since her retirement, she has been a bridge pastor for churches on the North Shore as well as the Boston suburbs.

Judy is a leader in the Pastoral Excellence Program for the Southern New England Conference of the UCC facilitating groups of clergy who gather for collegial support and sharing best practices. A primary focus of her career has been interfaith understanding and social justice and promoting respect, civility, and peace.

She is a mad gardener and enjoys swimming, kayaking, and all kinds of puzzles.

Worship Notes.

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and CCLI License #A-2267261 and Streaming
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“The Platinum Rule”

Rev. Judy Brain

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

June 30, 2024 10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Jim Marshall

Leader: We are distracted by many things; bills to pay, tasks to do, worries to attend to.

People: We are born into a world that consumes our energy and threatens to consume our souls.

Leader: Pour your Spirit into us, that we may be born anew. May we listen for God's leading.

People: Enter our cluttered hearts even as you entered the world, so we may know fullness of life with you.

Leader: Sustain us by your love today and every day.

People: May we trust in you, our firm foundation.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

Jim Marshall

Now, O Lord, calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. Take our longings and passions, our wounds and our doubts, and mold them into a more holy and human shape. May the prayer you taught us teach us to live each day in your love. We pray together ...

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

*Opening Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

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Old Testament Reading

Psalm 119:33-40

Jim Marshall

The Message

GOD, teach me lessons for living so I can stay the course.

Give me insight so I can do what you tell me—my whole life one long, obedient response.

*Stand as you are able

Guide me down the road of your commandments; I love traveling this freeway!

Give me an appetite for your words of wisdom, and not for piling up loot.

Divert my eyes from toys and trinkets, invigorate me on the pilgrim way.

Affirm your promises to me—promises made to all who fear you.

Deflect the harsh words of my critics—but what you say is always so good.

See how hungry I am for your counsel; preserve my life through your righteous ways!

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 (Together)

Receive these gifts, O God, from our hands to your heart. We give them in thanks for our many blessings. Amen

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn Request

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:38-48

Rev. Brain

In Pew Bible

Message

"The Platinum Rule"

*Closing Hymn

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Benediction