

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(see insert)*

***Hymn Request**

Benediction: Rev. Tom Bentley

Postlude

Our ushers today are Annmarie Pendola and Jeff Law.

Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Nancy Lauzon.



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



Worship Notes.

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“What to Take on the Journey”

Rev. Thomas Bentley

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

Communion Sunday

August 4, 2024

10:00 am

***Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Phil Fisher

Leader: Blessed be the Lord of Hosts, who cleanses and heals our lives.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: Blessed be the Holy One, who brings us from despair to hope.

People: Praise be to God! Leader: Blessed be the Giver of Life, who nurtures and comforts us.

People and People: Let us praise God with our whole hearts and souls!

AMEN

Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

Phil Fisher

Along life's pathways, we search continually for signs to point us in positive directions. Christ has given us a sign which points us to healing and hope: that is the sign of the Bread of Life. No more shall we hunger and thirst after the things which cannot sustain us. Now we have been fed and nourished by Christ! Open our hearts in gratitude, Lord, for all the wondrous things you have done for us. Open our Spirits to hear your words of hope for us today. 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.

***Opening Hymn "I'm Pressing On the Upward Way" (Higher Ground) #442**

New Testament Reading

Phil Fisher

Ephesians 4:1-3

The Message

In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet,

run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

Call to Offering

Offertory

***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

Gospel Reading

Phil Fisher

John 6:28-35.

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Message:

"What to Take on the Journey"