

**Centre Congregational Church
Notice of Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Church will be held
on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 11:15 a.m.
to discuss the following items:

1. Reports of Officers and Ministry Teams
2. Presentation and Approval of the 2024 to 2025 FY Budget
3. Election of Officers, Ministry Team Chairs, and Other Positions
4. Remembrance of Deceased Members
5. Recognition of 50 Year Members

Bruce Weaver, Moderator



Worship Notes.

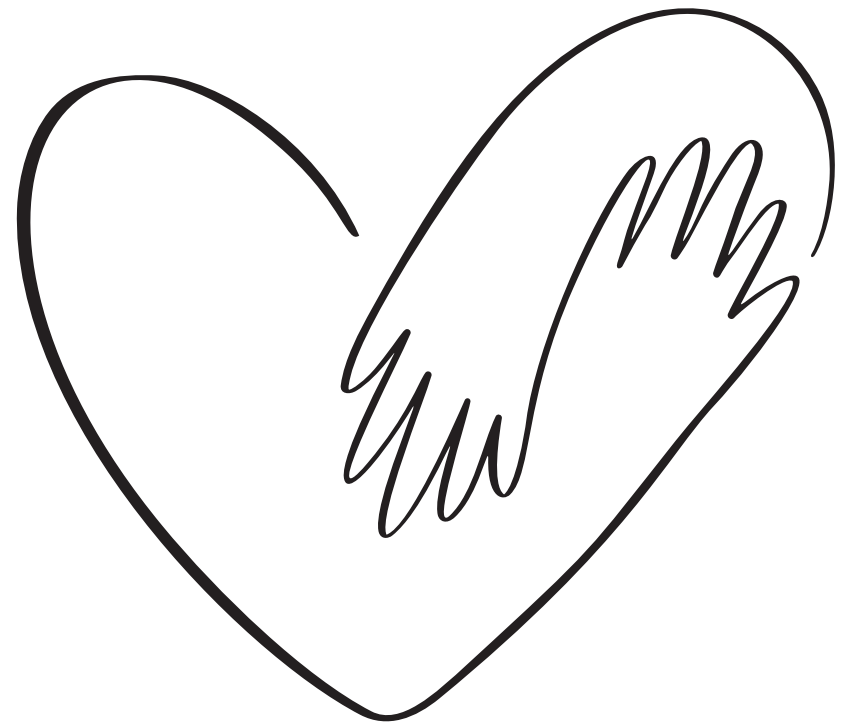
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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

Rev Thomas Bentley, Pastor
Douglas W. Hodgkins, Organist/Choir Director
Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School
Bella Travaglini, Administrative Assistant



“Embracing the Divine”

Rev. Thomas Bentley

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

September 22, 2024

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements**Call to Worship**

Joe Tringale

Leader: Our good works are done with gentleness.

People: Bitterness only leads to anguish.

Leader: God seeks peace and hope for all God’s people.

People: But if our hearts are filled with anger, we reject God’s mercy.

Leader: Open our hearts, O Lord, and help us to listen.

Leader & People: Open our lives, O Lord, and prepare us to serve. AMEN.**Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Joe Tringale

Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits.

Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. AMEN.**The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)**

Joe Tringale

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 “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing” #17 (verses 1-5)*SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM (see insert)****Old Testament Reading**

Joe Tringale

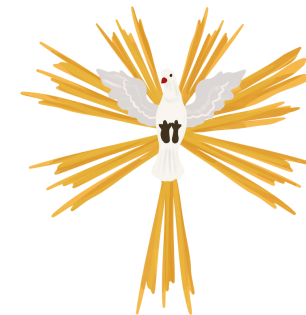
Psalm 1*New International Version***Blessed is the one**

who does not walk in step with the wicked
 or stand in the way that sinners take
 or sit in the company of mockers,
 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,

**1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
 Holy Spirit, ever brooding o’er a world of gloom and
 blight; Holy Spirit, ever raising earthbound souls to glory
 high; Living, life imparting Spirit; you we praise and magnify.**

**2 Holy Spirit, ever breathing on the church the breath of life;
 Holy Spirit, ever striving through your people’s ceaseless
 strife; Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of
 Christ; In our worship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts
 unpriced;**

**3 Holy Spirit, ever working through the church’s ministry
 Quickening, strengthening, and absolving,
 setting captive sinners free;
 Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to
 soul, In community unending you we worship and extol.**



“To You, O God, All Creatures Sing ” #17

1 To you, O God, all creatures sing, and all creation every-thing sings your praises, alleluia! Your burning sun with golden beam, your silver moon with softer gleam sing your praises,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Your wind that blows the tempest by, your clouds that sail across the sky sing your praises, alleluia! Your morning rises with a song, and lights of evening sing along, sing your praises,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Your flowing waters, crystal clear, make melodies for you to hear, sing your praises, alleluia! Your fire... bountiful and bright, remembering your warmth and light, sings your praises,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 To you, O God, day after day, your planet earth in every way, sings your praises, alleluia, As savory fruit and fragrant flower show forth your glory and your power, singing praises,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Now we who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take our part, sing your praises, alleluia! To you we lift our pain and care, receive the burdens that we bear, singing praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked!

**They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.**

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

Children’s Time

Children ages 4 and up are invited to join us for the Kid’s Classroom in Room 10 with Barbara Langill and Christine Marshall.

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Only a Baby Came”

Sleeth

***Hymn of Praise (in unison)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings 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

Anthem

“With Music I Will Praise”

Sleeth

Gospel Reading
Mark 9:30-37

Joe Tringale
The Message

Leaving there, they went through Galilee. He didn't want anyone to know their whereabouts, for he wanted to teach his disciples. He told them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed to some people who want nothing to do with God. They will murder him. Three days after his murder, he will rise, alive." They didn't know what he was talking about, but were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was safe at home, he asked them, "What were you discussing on the road?"

The silence was deafening—they had been arguing with one another over who among them was greatest.

He sat down and summoned the Twelve. "So you want first place? Then take the last place. Be the second servant of all."

He put a child in the middle of the room. Then, cradling the little one in his arms, he said, "Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me, and far more than me—God who sent me."

Message: "Embracing the Divine"

***Closing Hymn** "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" #59

Benediction

Postlude "Grand Choer" Boely



Our ushers today are
David Bjorkman and Phil Fisher.

Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Laurel and Peter Caputo.



The Flowers on the altar today
are given by Bonnie and Frank Teixeira
celebrating their grandson
Harrison Provencher's Baptism.

We are now offering a special space at the front of the Sanctuary
to provide children an area to engage in quiet activities, while also
being a part of the Worship Service. This approach allows children
space to observe, participate, and experience Worship
in a new way. Children are encouraged to come up to the
Pray Ground at any time during Worship.

