



“A Community of Faith, Hope, and Love, Growing through Worship and Service”

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Central Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation

Sunday, February 9, 2025 10 o'clock a.m.

Scout Sunday

"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." (Proverbs 22:6)

Welcome to Central Congregational Church, where no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome. If you are visiting us today, know that we are glad to have you. As we worship together, please note that an * indicates a time to stand as you are able. Sentences in **bold** are to be spoken by the congregation.



GATHERING

Prelude "Deep River" arr. by Keveren Tudor Bota, Music Director
"Alleluia" arr. by Keveren

Welcome and Announcements Lynn Horton

Opening Cynthia Dorman, Charter Org. Representative

***Flag Procession** Scouts

***Pledge of Allegiance** Xavier May, Alyssa Chapman

***Scout Oath**
On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

***Girl Scout Promise**
On my honor, I will try: to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Sending Hymn “Scout Vespers” *(sung to the tune, “O Christmas Tree”)*

¹Softly falls the light of day,
As our campfire fades away.
Silently, each Scout should ask
Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright?
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Oh, have I done and have I dared
Everything to be prepared?

²Listen Lord, O Listen Lord,
as I whisper soft and low.
Bless my Mom and bless my Dad,
there is something they ought to know.
I will keep my honor bright,
the Oath and Law will be my guide.
And Mom and Dad this you should know,
deep in my heart I love you so.

³Quietly we join as one,
Thanking God for Scouting fun,
May we now go on our way.
Thankful for another day.
May we always love and share,
Living in peace beyond compare,
As Scouts may we find,
Friendships true with all mankind.

⁴Quietly we now will part,
Pledging ever in our heart,
To strive to do our best each day,
As we travel down life's way.
Happiness we'll try to give,
Trying a better life to live,
Till all the world
Be joined in love,
Living in peace under skies above.

⁵As the night comes to this land,
On my promise I will stand,
I will help the pack to go,
As our pack helps me to grow.
Yes, I'll always give good will,
I'll follow my Akela still.
And before I stop to rest,
I will do my very best.



Welcome to Central Congregational Church!

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you’re welcome here!

Good morning! Welcome!

We are glad you are here to worship together! This service of worship is being livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. If you do not wish to be visible on the internet, please choose a seat in the balcony.

Today is Scout Sunday. Scout leaders and scouts will be leading today’s service.

This afternoon folks are invited to participate in “Make A Difference Day”. Please see the announcement on the next page for details.

Children

- ☺ Children are always welcome in our services of worship.
- ☺ Busy Bags for kids are available in the narthex (lobby).

Deacons are available during Sunday services. Reach out to any of them with questions or concerns. You can spot them wearing a [blue name tag](#).

Greeter(s): Scout Members

Acolyte: Connor Chapman

Worship Service Flowers: Today’s arrangement is given by Bonnie & Gerry McGrath in loving memory of Ginnie Hall and Pastor Rich Knight, and in honor of April birthdays. Ginnie and Pastor Rich truly ‘made a difference’ in our church and wider community.

Nursery Care Coordinator: Kelsey Hartigan

Coffee Hour: Today’s coffee hour will be hosted by the Scouts.

Many thanks to all who enrich our morning together.

Announcements and Events – Sunday, April 27, 2025

TODAY!! Make a Difference Day | Sunday, April 27 - Today is Earth Day! Join in the fun and effort of making a difference in our community and on our earth this Sunday, April 27! Volunteers are needed for two service projects:

Rail Trail Clean Up

Meet at the Route 110 ball fields parking lot (end of Fletcher Street) at 1:00 PM. Bring gloves and wear good walking shoes. Trash bags and “grabbers” will be provided. Kristin Strobel will be leading the team!

Community Garden Clean Up

Meet at Sunny Meadow Farm, Walter Lewis Community Garden, near 158 Robin Hill Road at 1:30 PM. Bring gardening gloves and trowels for weeding. Larger tools (spades and rakes) will be provided. Spring season tasks include weeding, spreading newspaper for ground cover, and painting fences. The Scouts will be helping alongside CCC volunteers!

Contact Lynn Horton if you have questions! Lynn@terpsoft.com (978) 256-8524



CCC Movie Group | Mondays | April 28 | 7:00 PM via Zoom - The CCC Movie Group is open to all! Watch the movie(s) on your own, then join the group on Zoom at 7:00 pm on “Movie Mondays” to discuss. Please contact Lynn Horton (lynn@terpsoft.com) for the Zoom link, if you have questions, or if you have difficulty accessing the movies! **April 28:** “Michael” Details can be found in the April Beacon newsletter.



Stewardship Campaign – Race to the Finish Line! This year's Stewardship campaign is coming to an end, but we need your pledge to cross the finish line! As of Easter Sunday, we received 86 pledges (103 pledges in total the prior year) with an estimated increase of \$7,500 more than last year. This assumes that the remaining 18 pledges will come in with the same amount as last year, but imagine the ability to fully fund all committees if this amount increased! If you submitted your pledge, you may still increase it. The Stewardship Committee will be emailing and calling the remaining pledges that are still missing this week in order to close the Stewardship campaign and prepare a budget. Please bring your pledge card to church or mail it to the church office **as soon as possible**. Extra pledge cards are available in the pews or you may pledge on-line at <https://www.cccchelmsford.org/stewardship/>. Thank you and God bless, CCC Stewardship Committee

Nominating Committee – Seeking candidates for the Slate of Nominees that will be presented at the Annual Church Meeting on May 18. **There are currently vacancies on the following committees:** House Committee, Communications, Stewardship, and Members-At-Large. Other opportunities to serve include Northeast Association representatives, Wedding Planner, and Safe Church Advocate. Please speak with a Nominating Committee member: Lynn Horton, Chair, Deb Lyons, Dory Toppan, Elizabeth Hartigan.

Troop 75 Spaghetti Supper - Troop 75 is hosting a spaghetti supper at CCC on **Friday, May 9** from 5:00-8:00 PM. The menu will be pasta and sauce, meatballs, garlic bread and brownies . The cost is \$10 per person, under 4 is free. This is a fundraiser for the scouts’ upcoming trip in July to Seabase, for a high-adventure catamaran sailing trip in the Bahamas. Mark your calendars to enjoy a night out and support scouting! Please contact Cynthia Dorman for more information cbdorman@comcast.net

Considering Membership Class | Tues, May 13 | 6:30 PM via Zoom - Pastor Lee will be leading a "Considering Membership" class on May 13 after the worship service. Anyone interested in learning more about CCC and our denomination, the United Church of Christ, is welcome to join after worship. All are welcome to then join CCC on June 1 (tentative date) yet, there is no requirement to join. If you would like to participate on May 13, please contact Pastor Lee (pastor-lee@cccchelmsford.org) or Peggy in the church office (office.admin@cccchelmsford.org).

Annual Church Meeting | Sunday, May 18 | After Worship - The annual meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, May 18 immediately after the service. Please reserve that date on your calendars. We will again have a family potluck to enjoy during the meeting as we conduct our annual business meeting. Please bring a main dish to share or a dessert. The dishes can be placed in the kitchen before church. We will provide the drinks for the potluck.

This Week at CCC

Sun, Apr 27	7:00 PM	DEMM (Downeast Maine Mission) Meeting	Room 302
Mon, Apr 28	7:00 PM	CCC Movie Group	Via Zoom
Tues, Apr 29	11:45 AM	Lunch Bunch	Room 202
	7:30 PM	Sonlight Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs, Apr 30	6:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri, May 2	The Church Office will be closed.		
Sun, May 4	8:00 AM	Men’s ChristCare Group	9 Worthen

Pastor Lee’s Office hours: Thursdays and by appointment.
Please contact Pastor Lee directly: pastor-lee@cccchelmsford.org | 508-308-7116
Pastor Lee will be on vacation April 27 – May 3.

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, May 2.
Peggy will return to the office on Tuesday, May 6.

HYMN LYRICS

Opening Hymn “*For the Beauty of the Earth*”

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful raise.

For the joy of human love, brother, siter, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful raise.

For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful raise.

Hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.

Hymn “Take My Life”

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in creaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move, at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for three, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing; unto God my praise I bring. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy fee its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.