

Invitation to Generosity

Holy Cows

God has blessed us with a caring church community where the Holy Spirit works among us. Each member of our church family has been given unique talents that they willingly share with each other, both young and old. Let us continue to grow our community within our church as well as outreaching to our neighbors by loving each other as God loves us. With thanksgiving, we will now collect this morning's offering, for our friends and members online this morning you may use the QR code on the slides to donate to our outreach.

Offertory Anthem

"I Am the Church" by March and Avery

PreK-4th Graders

I am the church, you are the church. We are the church together.
All of God's people, all around the world, we are the Church together.

The church is not a building. The church is not steeple. The church is not a resting place. The church is a people. I am the church, you are the church. We are the church together. All of God's people, all around the world, we are the Church together.

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces. All colors and all ages, from all kinds of places. I am the church, you are the church. We are the church together.
All of God's people, all around the world, we are the Church together.

*Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Traditional Lyrics: #46

Feel free to sing any version of the Doxology that is familiar to you.

Alternative Lyrics:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

2nd-4th Grade Class

Thank you for helping us create this church community, generation to generation, passing on your wisdom and your love. Thank you for the passing of peace and the passing of palms, for campfires and potlucks, and for service together. Please bless this bond we share and these gifts we give. Help us to continue your work in this world, together. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*🎵 Sending Song

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Junior Choir

#65

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God. We are marching, we are marching in the light of God.

*Commissioning and Benediction

Pastor Lee

*Three-Fold Amen

🎹 Postlude

"Allemande" by Bach

Tudor

😊😊😊 Immediately after worship we will take an all-church picture 😊😊😊
on the church front steps (weather permitting). Please join us!

Central Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Chelmsford, Massachusetts
An Open and Affirming Congregation
"A Community of Faith, Hope, and Love, Growing through Worship and Service"


Sunday, June 8, 2025 Youth Sunday | Pentecost 10 o'clock a.m.

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." Acts 2:4



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** "I Will Sing Praises" arr. by Keveren Tudor Bota, Music Director
"Thank You, Lord" arr. by Hayes

 **Welcome and Announcements** God Squad


 **Ring the Bell**

*🎵 **Opening Song** "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"
I'm going sing when the Spirit says sing, I'm going sing when the Spirit says sing,
When the Spirit says sing, I'm going sing oh Lord, I'm going sing when the Spirit says sing.

I'm going walk when the Spirit says walk, I'm going walk when the Spirit says walk,
When the Spirit says walk, I'm going walk oh Lord, I'm going walk when the Spirit says walk.

I'm going leap when the Spirit says leap, I'm going leap when the Spirit says leap,
When the Spirit says leap, I'm going leap oh Lord, I'm going leap when the Spirit says leap.

I'm going praise when the Spirit says praise, I'm going praise when the Spirit says praise,
When the Spirit says praise, I'm going praise oh Lord, I'm going praise when the Spirit says praise.

 **Call to Worship** Holy Cows
One: Today we celebrate with the Youth of the church
People: Young and Old are welcome here
Two: Our church community should respect all people, even those different from us.
People: All are welcome to worship with us.
Three: In our church community we support each other
People: With your help God, help us extend our support throughout the world.
All: With fire and wind the holy spirit has called our community together today.

Banner Unveiling PreK-4th Grade

🙏 **Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** PreK-4th Grade
Dear Lord, thank you for the community that we have built this year. Community means many things to us. It means having fun together like the Advent festival and the Easter egg hunt. It means learning together like going to Sunday school together, putting on plays, and making crafts. It means spending the year together from the Welcome Back Potluck, to the Christmas pageant, to participating in youth Sunday. It means being part of our church community and going to coffee hour, singing in the junior choir, and participating in the children's sermon. It means being part of our local community like supporting the Lowell food pantry and picking up

trash on the bike path. It means serving our fellow humans by using our offering money to support projects like training guide dogs and supporting organizations that help cure diseases. It means being part of the larger Christian Church across the world and through time, as we pray as we were taught to pray 2000 years ago. And being in community means being good caretakers of God's great world and loving our neighbor as ourselves even when it's hard. We are grateful for our community in God's love and now pray the prayer Jesus taught, saying,

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.

🎵 **Hymn of Praise** "Kum ba Yah" #590

✌️ **Sharing Christ's Peace** Grades 2-4
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING

 **Children's Message** God Squad

Recognizing Teachers Jennifer Hart

🙏 **Prayer of Forgiveness** God Squad
Lord, we have strayed from you, as some have questions about your grace, and as others fail to understand your wishes for our community. As we struggle to understand you and the ones around us. We ask for your help in communicating, understanding each other's perspectives, and working together when disagreements arise.

🙏 **Assurance of God's Grace** God Squad
God is and will always be a forgiving God. God's grace in us as a community, and as individuals, is ever flowing as we do our best to live a life of Christ's ministry and love for all. As we struggle through peer interactions with mixed feelings and unsure responses, God gives us grace to make these mistakes and learn to be better individuals, and strengthen our bonds with our community.

✝️ **Scripture** Acts 2:1-21 Pew Bible p. 885

Response This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Lee

Joys and Concerns Pastor Lee

Pastoral Prayer Continued on back ➡️



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We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation, welcoming into the full life and ministry of the church persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity and gender expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, marital status, education, and economic status. We especially and intentionally welcome all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church and society.



Scan the QR code to give your offering electronically and support our ministry.
Thank you for your generosity!



Welcome to Central Congregational Church!

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

Good morning and welcome to Sunday morning worship!

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. Please join in Fellowship Hall after the service for an photo on the church front steps, followed by our annual picnic!

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): Nursery, Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Acolyte Gavin Shields

Nursery Care Coordinator: Kelsey Hartigan


Sanctuary Flower Arrangement This week’s arrangement is given by Cynthia and Scott Dorman in celebration of our 35th Anniversary and in memory of our grandmothers, June Forbes’ and Lillian Walker’s June Birthdays.

Church Picnic Please join us after worship (and the all-church picture) for our Annual All-Church Picnic hosted by the Christian Education Committee!

Park Bench Dedication Immediately after the church photo, we will hold a special dedication of the bench in Carson Park that is in memory of Pastor Rich Knight.

Many thanks to all who enrich our morning together.

Announcements and Events – Sunday, June 8, 2025

 **CCC Movie Group** - 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! Movie selections for June and July are: **June 9:** “In the Good Old Summertime” | **June 23:** “Perfect Days” **July 14:** “Seven Years in Tibet” | **July 28:** “We Bought a Zoo”

Downeast Maine Mission - An important part of the DEMM tradition is the sponsoring of meals. We are looking for some CCC folks to sponsor a few meals during our week in Maine. For \$50 you can sponsor breakfast, \$75 for lunch, or \$100 for dinner. We would also love to have people include a prayer so we can introduce them and read their prayer before we eat. Prayer writing assistance is available. Overall, there are 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 6 dinners. Please speak with Kristin Strobel if you would like to sponsor a meal and a prayer. Thank you.

Monday ChristCare Group | Mon, June 16 | 7:00 PM on Zoom - Please contact Deb Lyons for information and the Zoom link: deb@dandelyons.net

Church Meeting with Coach Becky David | Sun, June 22 | After Worship - All members and friends of CCC are invited to attend Coach Becky’s presentation reviewing her ideas presented at her March meeting and have members decide which are worth pursuing. We would like to have a family potluck to enjoy during the meeting. Please bring a main dish or dessert to share. Please label any food with the name of the food and any known allergens such as nuts, soy, milk, etc. The dishes can be placed in the kitchen before church. Beverages will be provided.
~John Lamplough, Transition Team Chair

Sponsor a Bulletin Cover – Share Beauty and Inspiration! Art is a sacred language—one that can stir the soul, spark wonder, and help us connect with God in new ways. Each Sunday, our bulletin cover features artwork paired with reflection questions to deepen your spiritual journey, not just during worship, but throughout the week. Would you like to help bring that experience to life? **You’re invited to sponsor a bulletin cover for any week of the year.** With a gift of \$20, you can dedicate the artwork in honor of someone special or celebrate a meaningful occasion. Pastor Lee is happy to collaborate with you in choosing the art. To sign up or learn more, contact the church office or reach out directly to Pastor Lee. Let’s turn each bulletin into a doorway to deeper reflection, beauty, and praise.

KiSeLo (Kindness, Service, Love) Ice Cream Gathering | Wed, June 25 | 1:00 PM | Country Creamery and Coffeehouse – Although the formal year is over, we will get together at the Country Creamery and Coffeehouse, located at 272 Old Westford Rd, Chelmsford. All are welcome to join us! Contact Karen Banakos for more information: 603-686-2026.

Lunch Bunch – Meets on Tuesdays at 11:45 AM in Room 202. Bring your lunch and dine with friends!



Holy Cows Bake Sale – Thank you! Thanks to everyone who helped support the Holy Cows Bake Sale last Sunday! The Holy Cows used ‘seed’ money from their Sunday School offering to purchase cooking ingredients. They spent Saturday morning at church baking yummy cookies, mini pies, and cinnamon rolls. Thanks to your generous donations, we collected \$212 from the sale! This money will be added to the remainder ‘seed’ money and donated to the two organizations the kids selected: The Open Pantry of Greater Lowell and Newhouse Wildlife Rescue of Chelmsford. Thanks for helping us learn how we can take our gifts and grow them for others!

This Week at CCC

Today!	3:30 PM	Piano Recital	Sanctuary
Mon, June 9	7:00 PM	CCC Movie Group	On Zoom
Tues, June 10	11:45 AM	Lunch Bunch	Room 202
	7:30 PM	Sonlight Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed, June 11	7:00 PM	Council Meeting	On Zoom
Thurs, June 12	5:45 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Room 312
	6:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri, June 13	The church office will be closed.		

Note: Pastor Lee will be on vacation June 9-15. Rev. Cindy Maybeck will be filling in on June 15.

Pastor Lee’s Office hours: Thursdays and by appointment.
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Hymn Lyrics

Hymn of Praise

“Kum ba Yah”

Kim ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Some’s one’s crying lord, kum ba yah! Someone’s crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone’s crying, Lord, Kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Some one’s singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone’s singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone’s singing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
