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***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #46 Blue

***Prayer of Dedication** Scott Dorman

INVESTING INTEREST (Sending Forth)		
*Retiring the Colors		Troop 75
*Sending Hymn	"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"	#614 Blue
Commissioning And Benediction	Chuck Crannell, Scoutmaster, Troop 75	
Three-Fold Amen		
Postlude	"Allegro" by Couperin	Tudor

Troop 75 would like to thank Central Congregational Church for their dedication and support of the Scouting program. The congregation has consistently supported scouting by attending spaghetti suppers, and supporting Eagle projects. We appreciate the use of the church facility for our meetings and events. Not only does the church provide space for our Troop, but it also provides space for Girl Scout Troops. This support has helped make our Scouting program successful and positively influences the lives of many scouts, past and present.



Central Congregational Church, United Church of Christ Chelmsford, Massachusetts <i>An Open and Affirming Congregation</i> <i>"A Community of Faith, Hope, and Love, Growing through Worship and Service"</i> Ministers: The Congregation Interim Pastor: Rev. Lee Atherton Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John A. Zachry Director of Music/Organist: Tudor Bota		
Sunday, February 8, 2026	Scout Sunday	10 o'clock a.m.



"While you are living your life on this Earth, try to do something good which may remain after you. It is something to BE good, but it is far better to DO good."
Lord Baden Powell

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.

THE YEARN TO EARN (Gathering)		
Prelude	“Think About His Love” arr. Hayes “Deep River” arr. Keveren	Tudor Bota, Music Director Lynn Horton
Welcome and Announcements		
Opening	Cynthia Dorman, Charter Org. Representative	
*Flag Procession		All Scouts
*Pledge of Allegiance		Jackson Leach 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.	
Call to Worship		Jackson Leach
Leader:	Blessed are the Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them, for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.	
People:	Blessed are the Scouts.	
Leader:	Blessed are the Scouts who are led with patience and understanding, for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.	
People:	Blessed are the Scouts.	
Leader:	Blessed are the Scouts who have a home where family members live together in love, for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.	
People:	Blessed are the Scouts.	
Leader:	Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth, for they shall help others.	
People:	Blessed are the Scouts.	
Leader:	Blessed are the Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God, for they shall be reverent.	
People:	Blessed are the Scouts.	
All:	Give us clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts, O God. Teach us to work hard and to play fairly. Forgive us when we are unkind and help us to help others. Send us strength to do a good turn each day.	
*Opening Hymn	“This is My Father’s World”	#59 Blue

Opening Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer	Charlotte Mulholland
Gracious God, we thank you for all the good things with which you fill our lives, scouting and following the scout law, but most of all for the vision of peace, justice, and freedom in Christ that draws us into the future. May we be your people in the world, in work and in deed, in spirit and in truth. Grant that, in our ministries, we do not merely go through the motions. Help us to act out of deep conviction and belief in your purpose in the world. May we worship you with all our being, this day and always. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus, who taught his disciples to pray, 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.”	

*Sharing Christ’s Peace	Joe Oberlander
Leader: The peace of God be with you. People: And also with you.	

NEVER-ENDING SPENDING (Proclaiming)		
Children’s Message		Patrick Shields
Sending Song	Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you Everywhere, everywhere you may go.	
Scripture	Proverbs 22:6-9, Pew Bible p.527 Luke 10:25-37, Pew Bible p. 844	Caden Acheson
Response	This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God	Alyssa Chapman
Message		Stacey Mulholland Chuck Crannell, Scoutmaster, Troop 75
*Hymn of Praise	“The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young”	#76 Blue

INVESTING INTEREST (Responding in Faith and Action)		
Invitation to Offering		Cynthia Dorman
Offertory	“Who Shall Separate Us?” by Choplin	Chancel Choir
"Who shall separate us from the love, the love of our Lord? I am persuaded that nothing on earth can separate us from the love of God, nothing in life and nothing in death can separate us from the love of God. No angels, no powers can separate us from the love that is in Jesus, Christ Jesus, our Lord. For we are more than conquerors over danger, trial and sword. We		



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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.



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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! Please join us in Fellowship Hall after the service for food and fellowship. 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.

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): Scouts

Liturgist: Scouts

Deacon of the Day: Joe Chapman

Coffee Hour Hosts: Scouts

Many thanks to all who enrich our morning together.

Announcements and Events – Sunday, February 8, 2026

A Sacred Conversation About Living, Dying and Love

Pastor Lee will continue to lead a workshop designed to help you to explore the **Five Wishes**, a thoughtful and accessible way to express your hopes for care, comfort, and decision-making at the end of life. The workshops will continue on February 8 and 15 after the worship service in Room 202. All are invited to attend. This meeting is also by Zoom, watch for the Zoom link in Tuesday’s & Friday’s email.

Super Bowl Sunday is the second–largest day of eating in the United States after Thanksgiving. This year most of us will cheer the Patriots on with friends and family. While we munch on way too many snacks, let’s remember those who face hunger on a daily basis. Hunger is a very serious problem in the United States. One in seven Americans do not have access to enough food. There are more than 14 million children (nearly 20%) in this country, live in food insecure households. Hunger is not just an issue for people struggling with poverty and homelessness. It reaches far and wide.

The Open Pantry in Lowell serves over 1500 people each month. More than one third served are children. The Open Pantry offers assistance without discrimination based on race, creed, or nationality. Check out their website www.theopenpantry.org.

TODAY **Sunday, February 8th**, the Holy Cows (grades 5- 8) will be collecting monetary donations as well as non-perishable food items for the Open Pantry during coffee hour. Especially needed are nutritious items such as canned vegetables and fruits, can soup, can tuna, pasta, cereals, and powdered milk. Monetary donations allow Open Pantry to buy perishable food and discounted food from area food banks ('more bang for your buck'). Please consider making a donation to this worthy mission.

GO PATS!!!!

Valentine’s Dinner/Dance 2026 – it’s not too late to buy tickets to the Open Pantry Fundraiser to the

Valentine’s Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 14 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The committee is accepting items for the silent auction, and for the raffle. Volunteers are still needed (dishwashers in the kitchen, and cleanup) to help the evening of the event. Contact Becky Wisniewski (Rebecca-wisniewski@comcast.net) with questions, to volunteer or to

donate a silent auction item. Tickets are \$45/person or a table of 4 for \$175 or a table of 6 for \$260 or a table of 8 for \$340. Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets.



Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, February 18 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Ginnie Hall Meal Ministry - To request a meal, or to offer to make and deliver a meal, please contact Merri Robison, 978-937-5403 or meredithrobison@comcast.net. The Ginnie Hall Meal Ministry is a service of KiSeLo.



Sunday School Needs Volunteers – Nursery Coordinator, teacher, and people willing to substitute or be a floater are needed. Please see Jennifer Hart.

THIS WEEK AT CCC

Sun, Feb 8	Worship	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
	Easter Concert Rehearsal	11:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Five Wishes – Session 3	11:30 AM	Room 202
Mon, Feb 9	Movie Group	7:00 PM	Zoom
Tues, Feb 10	Knitters & Crocheters	10:30 AM	Parlor
	Lunch Bunch	11:45 AM	Room 202
	Sonlight Band Rehearsal	7:30 PM	Sanctuary
Wed, Feb 11	Pastoral Search	5:30 PM	Room 202
	Council	7:00 PM	Zoom
Thurs, Feb 12	Bell Choir	5:45 PM	Room 312
	Chancel Choir	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Stewardship Committee	7:00 PM	Zoom
Sat, Feb 14	Open Pantry’s Valentine’s Dinner Dance	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall

Pastor Lee’s Office Hours: Sundays, 8:15–1:00; Tuesdays, 9:00–2:00; Wednesdays 9:00–12:00. She is also available by appointment.

HYMN LYRICS

Hymn “This Is My Father’s World”

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
God’s hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise, the morning light,
the flowers bright, declare their Maker's praise.
Our God has made this world and shine in all that’s fair,
in the rustling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me everywhere.

Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
God trusts us with this World, to keep it clean and fair.
All earth and trees, the skies and seas, God’s creatures everywhere.

Hymn “The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young”

The care the eagle gives her young, safe in her lofty nest,
is like the tender love of God for us made manifest.

As when the time to venture comes, she stirs them out to flight,
so we are pressed to boldly try, to strive for daring height.

And if we flutter helplessly, as fledgling eagles fall,
beneath us lift God's mighty wings to bear us, one and all.

Closing Hymn “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anytime and anywhere!
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