

Ten Broeck Collation Thank You

Dear CCC Family,
My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to each one of you who helped to provide a beautiful collation following the memorial service for Duane "Dewey" Ten Broeck on Saturday, June 13, 2026. The food donations were wonderful and plentiful, and the Ten Broeck family was so impressed! We at CCC know that "this is how we do it," but Dewey's siblings and friends were amazed and delighted! Special thanks to Lillian Beean for steam ironing every tablecloth, to Shirley Zachry for the sunny yellow floral centerpieces, and to the many helpers who set up tables and chairs, worked in the kitchen, and cleaned up after the event. You are all awesome!
Gratefully,
~Lynn Horton

THIS WEEK AT CCC

Sun, June 21	Worship	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
Mon, June 22	Movie Group	7:00 PM	Zoom
Tues, June 23	Knitters & Crocheters	10:30 AM	Parlor
	Lunch Bunch	11:45 AM	Room 202
	SonLight Band	7:30 PM	Sanctuary
Wed, June 24	KiSeLo	1:00 PM	Country Creamery
	Pastoral Search	5:30 PM	Room 202
	Deacons Meeting	7:00 PM	Room 202
Sat, June 27	Pub Theology	6:30 PM	Carson Park

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.



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"
Ministers: The Congregation
Interim Pastor: Rev. Lee Atherton
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John A. Zachry
Director of Music/Organist: Tudor Bota

Sunday, June 21, 2026	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost	10 o'clock a.m.
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Father's Day

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.

Order of the Service of Worship

WE GATHER

Prelude “Glorify Thy Name,” “Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down” by Hayes Tudor Bota
Welcome and Announcements Lynn Horton
Ring the Bell Margie Dissinger

THRESHOLD MOMENT

Reflecting Song “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” Will Dorman
#305 Blue
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

Response Will
We arrive fully into this moment, Holy One. We open to sense your presence among us.
We hear you say, “**Be still and know.**”
We need you, Jesus, to help us. We come to you as your first disciples did.
We hear you say, “**Be still and know.**”
Spirit of Divine Love, come to us with your healing waters.
We hear you say, “**Be still and know.**”

***Hymn** “Sweet Hour of Prayer!” #570 Blue
Passing the Peace Karen Banakos
Peace be with you.
And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM

Children’s Message Lindsay Moore
Sending Song
Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

First Scripture Philippians 4:4-7 Pew Bible p. 955 Martha Chenault
Second Scripture Matthew 7:7-8 Pew Bible p. 788 Martha
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**
Sermon “The Small Fire of Prayer” Glenn Dissinger

WE RESPOND

***Prayer Song** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” #305 Blue
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

Pastoral Search Moment Dory Toppan

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Be Still and Know Prayer

Each week we will be focusing on various forms of prayer. This week, we are getting oriented to our focus on prayer and learning to slow down and center ourselves so we can sense God is with us. I want to teach you a “Be still and know” prayer with our prayer beads.

Bead 1: Be, be, be

Bead 2: Be still, be still, be still

Bead 3: Be still and know, be still and know, be still and know

Bead 4: Be still and know that I am God.

Bead 5: I am God. I am God. I am God.

Bead 6: I am, I am, I am.

Bead 7: God, God, God

End Bead: Stillness

The Lord’s Prayer

“**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.**”

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“On Eagles Wings” arr. Douglass
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings Bear you on the breath of dawn Make you to shine like the sun And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you And famine will bring you no fear

Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night Nor the arrow that flies by day

Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come *Refrain*

For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways

Upon their hands they will bear you up Lest you dash your foot against a stone *Refrain*

And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand

*Doxology

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Like strands of beads, we offer gifts, that one by one, your love will lift. Alleluia, alleluia! That all may have just what they need, by this we’re bless’d and truly freed. Hear our prayers, God. Be our guide, Lord. Holy Spirit, come and fill us. Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn

Blessing and Benediction

Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

“Allemande” by Bach

Karen

Karen

Shaleena Pulliam

Shaleena

Will

Julie Carney, soloist

Merri Robison

#560 Blue

Scott Dorman

Tudor



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- Martha Chenault
- Glenn Dissinger
- Sue Houde
- John Lamplough
- Emmett Lyons
- April McCarthy
- Barbara Reilly
- Dorinda Toppan, Chairperson

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):** Lillian Beean & Merri Robison
- Head Usher** Ray Peterson
- Livestream Operator** Vivian Hussey
- Liturgist:** Will Dorman
- Deacon of the Day:** Martha Chenault
- Coffee Hour Hosts:** KiSeLo in honor of all fathers and father figures.
- Steeple Lighting** By Julie Carney in memory of her father, Philip Carney.

Many thanks to all who enrich our morning together.

Announcements and Events – Sunday, June 21, 2026

Our Commitment to the Wider Church

In support of the Association Board of Directors initiative, CCC will hold specific churches and entities in our collective prayers. This week we pray for Trinity Congregational UCC in Gloucester. We invite you to keep them in your hearts and prayers throughout the week as we strengthen the bonds of our faith community.

Congregation Challenge

At the Annual Meeting several concerns were raised about our inability to fund raises for our staff. None of us liked the idea of not giving raises but the finances were not there.

The Sunday after the Annual Meeting, I was approached by a member of our congregation also concerned about the pay issue, and who also had a potential solution.

The offer of a 50/50 challenge was made to the congregation to raise the \$1918 needed to fund the raises at 2%. If the congregation could raise \$958, the member would match that number to raise the entire amount. This is a tremendously generous offer that I am sure we can meet.

If you want to participate in this challenge, you can put a check in the offering plate marked "Challenge", put cash in one of the offering envelopes marked the same way, or mail a contribution to the church office.

Our church staff will be very grateful for this thoughtful attempt to show our appreciation for all the work they do to keep the church running smoothly.

Dick Papenfuss

Treasurer

St. Paul's Soup Kitchen

Donations are needed for fruit and brownies to be delivered to the CCC kitchen on Sunday, June 28. The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall, or contact Julie Carney at carneyjulianne@gmail.com.

KiSeLo

What goes best with a hot summer's day?

Ice cream of course! The gals of Kiselo will be meeting informally on Wednesday, June 24 at 1:00 at the Country Creamery and Coffeehouse, 272 Old Westford Rd. All women of the church are welcome. So...come on down!! Need more info or have questions? Text Karen Banakos at (603)686-2026 or see me at coffee hour after church.

Pub Theology – Saturday, June 27

Gathering Address: Carson Park @ Central Congregational Church - 1 Worthen St, Chelmsford, MA

Info: Special summer meeting place, the fire pit at Carson Park. Bring your own food, drink, favorite camp chairs, and most importantly an open mind.

Pub Theology Meeting Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

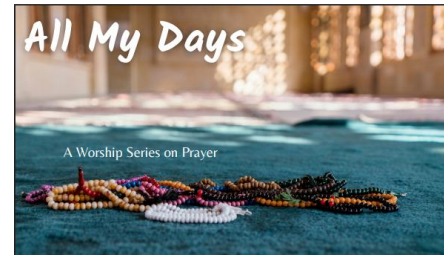
Childcare Address: Central Congregational Church - 1 Worthen St, Chelmsford, MA

Childcare Provided from: 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Contact Samantha Shields with questions or more information at: Samantha.Shields@cccChelmsford.org

July/August Beacon Newsletter

Article for the July/August newsletter are due on Tuesday, June 23. Please include all events for July AND August.



Finding God in the Rhythms of Life: "All My Days"
Finding God in Presence : "Our Abba, who art in heaven"

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. – Romans 8: 15-17

Relationship was central to Jesus' teaching and what he passed on to us is that we are as close with the Divine as a parent and child. How might addressing God with a diversity of names in prayer help form us as disciples and make God more present to us?

God is not a distant concept; God is an active, living presence in our daily lives. Today we learn the importance of being present. Where have you found yourself being present to God? Where have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your midst. Remember, Pastor Lee would love if you shared your experience of being still and knowing with her.

****This series includes opportunities to pray with prayer beads both during worship and at home. If you would like to create your own set, please let Pastor Lee know.**

Pastor Lee – Vacation

Pastor Lee is on vacation this week. In case of an emergency, please contact Karen Banakos, Chair of Deacons, 603-635-3639 or Pastor Ellie Richardson through Karen Banakos.

Youth Sunday & Picnic Thank You

This past Sunday was Youth Sunday and our annual church picnic! Youth Sunday is when the CCC children run the service. Everything from the message, to the offering, to a lot of the music is led by the amazing youth! We are so blessed to have such a talented group of young people at CCC and who are the embodiments of God's love. It is such a joy and privilege to watch them grow their faith every year and share that experience with the rest of the congregation.

A big thank you to our Sunday School teachers, Jennifer Hart, April McCarthy, and our CE Committee for making the day happen—it's no easy task and we wouldn't be able to have Youth Sunday without these folks! And thanks to those who grilled, brought food, set up, cleaned up, ran children's games, and otherwise contributed to this day. We're a pretty awesome church and we could not have made Sunday as wonderful as it was without each and every one of you!!

- Respectfully Submitted by your CE Committee

Announcements continue on the back of the service bulletin

HYMN LYRICS

Hymn

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

Hymn

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Closing Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]