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, November 1, 2026 | All Saints Sunday | 10 o'clock a.m.

All Saints 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

Prelude "You Are My All in All", "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" arr. by Hayes Tudor Bota
Welcome and Announcements Lynn Horton
Ringing the Bell and Centering for Worship Rev. Lee M. Atherton

Call to Worship Merri Robison

Today we gather to remember the saints who have gone before us, those whose lives have touched our own and whose love continues to shape who we are.

We give thanks for their lives, their faith, and the gifts they have shared.

We remember those who taught us kindness, showed us compassion, challenged us to grow, and helped us recognize God's presence in our lives.

Their love lives on in the ways we love and serve others.

And we remember that God's call to faithfulness is not reserved for a chosen few, but extends to each of us.

We, too, are called to lives of humility, compassion, and love.

Come, let us worship the God who holds all generations in love.

With grateful hearts, we come to worship God!

***Opening Hymn** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" #481 Red

Opening Prayer Merri

Gracious and Loving God, we gather this morning surrounded by memories of those who have gone before us and grateful for the many people who have helped shape our lives. We give thanks for the saints who have shown us your love through simple acts of kindness, courage, generosity, and faith. As we worship together, open our hearts to your presence and remind us that we, too, are called to make your love visible in the world. May our words, our prayers, our songs, and our lives reflect the grace you so freely give. Amen.

Passing the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Children's Message

Sending Song #437 Blue

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12 Pew Bible p. 785

Pastor: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon Pastor Lee
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
All Saints Remembrance

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Offering Merri

Offertory "All that I Am" by Himes Chancel Choir

All that I am, all I can be, All that I have, all that is me, Accept and use, Lord, as You would choose, Lord, Right now, today.

Take every passion, every skill, Take all my dreams and bend them to Your will; My all I give, Lord; for You I'll live, Lord, Come what may.

Often I come with my problems and cares, Running to You when distressed, But I must bring You the whole of my life – Lord, I must give You my best.

Life has no purpose unless it is Yours; Life without You has no goal; All that fulfils me is doing Your will, Knowing that You're in control.

All that I am, all I can be, All that I have, all that is me, Accept and use, Lord, as You would choose, Lord, Right now, today.

***Doxology** **"**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**"** #46-48 Blue

Prayer of Dedication Pastor Lee

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

***Communion Hymn** "For All the Saints" #637 Blue

The Invitation to the Table Pastor Lee

Communion Prayer Pastor Lee

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise

…And so, with all your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we join our voices in praise:

Holy, holy, holy God, God of love and grace.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

The Deacons will distribute the bread and the cup. When all are served, we will partake in unison. The bread is gluten free. Please respond, "Thanks be to God."

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Loving God, we thank you for this sacred meal and for the reminder that we never gather at your table alone. We are surrounded by the love of those who have gone before us, strengthened by the fellowship of those beside us, and sustained by your presence within us. As we leave this table, help us carry its gifts into the world. May we serve with humility, love with generosity, and live in ways that honor the faith and love we have received. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**	"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"	#433 Blue

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Postlude	"Adagio" by Bach	Tudor

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):	Dory Toppan & Ray Peterso
Head Usher	Sue Sarafinas
Livestream Operator	Vivian Hussey
Liturgist:	Merri Robison
Deacon of the Day:	Scott Dorman
Nursery Coordinator	Hunter Lyons
Coffee Hour Host:	
Flowers	Flowers are donated by Dory Toppan & Ray Peterson with gratitude for being part of this caring faith community.

Many thanks to all who enrich our morning together.

Central Congregational Church UCC

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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!

Announcements and Events – Sunday, November 1, 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 ancestors and forebearers. We invite you to keep them in your hearts and prayers throughout the week as we strengthen the bonds of our faith community.

Lowell Transitional Living Center
The Social Action and Missions (SAM) November initiative is Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC) a 24-hour staff supported emergency shelter. Please, consider donating some much-needed items. You can find the donation box in the church narthex with a list of items needed. The donation list is also provided in the November Beacon.
Thank you for your continued support!
Wendy Piacenza, winstlex@comcast.net

Campfire & S'mores – Next Sunday
Join others in Carson Park on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 4:30 PM to enjoy fellowship, S'mores and the campfire. S'mores supplies will be provided, you can bring savory items to share.

Sunday School Fall Hike
Sunday, Nov. 15 Sunday School classes will meet at 10:00 am at 40 Janet Rd in Chelmsford for their annual hike in Thanksgiving Forest.

CCC Holiday Fair 2026 – Jewelry Donations Requested!
The Annual Holiday Fair is a month away on Saturday, November 21, 2026!

The Jewelry Table ladies need your donations as soon as possible so they will have the time needed to clean, repair, price, and organize the pieces.

Donations requested: earrings, necklaces, bracelets, rings, watches, and accessories. "Good" jewelry and costume jewelry are welcome! Pieces with gold, silver, and/or precious stones always sell well!

You may bring donations to the church, either to the office during the week, or to Sunday services. As soon as possible, please!

Contact Amy Provencal if you have questions. (603) 801-7139 seekantik@gmail.com

If a pickup at your home would be helpful, Lynn Horton can come at your convenience! (978) 256-9524 Lynn@terpsoft.com

If you would like to join the Jewelry Team, let Lynn or Amy know! Thank you!

Sun, Nov 1	Worship - Communion	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
	Concert Choir Rehearsal	11:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM	Zoom
Mon, Nov 2	ChristCare	7:00 PM	Zoom
Tues, Nov 3	Knitters & Crocheters	10:30 AM	Parlor
	Lunch Bunch	11:45 AM	Room 202
	SAM Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	Room 302
	SonLight Band	7:30 PM	Sanctuary
Wed, Nov 4	The Book of Revelation Study	10:30 AM	Room 202
Thurs, Nov 6	Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:45 PM	Room 312
	Choir Rehearsal	6:45 PM	Sanctuary

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

Opening Hymn **"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"**

I sing a song of the saints of God Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there's not any reason, no, not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; There are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on in lanes, or at sea, In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

Communion Hymn "For All The Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, company divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.