

**The United Church of Christ, Congregational  
Burlington, MA**

## **LENT**

*"We gather for worship, study, planning and mission to celebrate the life, teachings, death and living presence of Jesus Christ which frees us to love boldly and to serve gladly as God would want us to do."*

**February 22, 2026**

**10:30am**

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***We believe God calls us to love unconditionally, following the example of Jesus Christ.***

***Recognizing that all people are equal in the sight of God, we seek to be an inclusive and respectful community for persons of every color, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability and economic means.***

***In our calling to express the love and welcome of Christ, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person, and declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation.***

***We strive to respond to the needs of our town and world with practical deeds of love.***

***We welcome individuals and families of every configuration into the full life and ministry of this church, and invite you to join us on our faith journey!***

## **Gathering....**

### **Musical Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

I am Somebody by Rev. Jesse Jackson

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### **Passing the Peace**

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**\*Please rise in body or spirit.**

**\*Opening Hymn**      Sanctuary

*Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true*

*With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you*

## Reflecting...

**Scripture Readings**

Psalm 32

The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!

The one the LORD doesn't consider guilty—  
in whose spirit there is no dishonesty—  
that one is truly happy!

When I kept quiet, my bones wore out;  
I was groaning all day long—  
every day, every night!—  
because your hand was heavy upon me.

My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought. Selah  
So I admitted my sin to you;  
I didn't conceal my guilt.  
"I'll confess my sins to the LORD," is what I said.  
Then you removed the guilt of my sin. Selah

That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times,  
so that a great flood of water won't reach them.

You are my secret hideout!  
You protect me from trouble.  
You surround me with songs of rescue! Selah

I will instruct you and teach you  
about the direction you should go.  
I'll advise you and keep my eye on you.  
Don't be like some senseless horse or mule,  
whose movement must be controlled  
with a bit and a bridle.

Don't be anything like that!  
The pain of the wicked is severe,  
but faithful love surrounds the one who trusts the LORD.  
You who are righteous, rejoice in the LORD and be glad!  
All you whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!

## Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## Our Sermon The Wilderness

## **Anthem** Within Our Darkest Night (Taize chant)

Praying...

## Pastoral Prayer

## Lord's Prayer

*O Lord hear my prayer  
O Lord hear my prayer  
When I call, answer me*

*O Lord hear my prayer  
O Lord hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me*

## Offering...

### **Invitation of Offering**

### **Offertory**

#### **\*Doxology**

Lyrics adapted by William Abernethy; tune *NCH* #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator,  
Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Sending...

#### **\*Closing Hymn**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

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### **CHURCH VISION STATEMENT**

**Adopted February 2017:**

At the UCC Burlington, we cultivate a thriving environment, which empowers us to embody the beloved, diverse community that Jesus modeled for us, proclaiming that ***all are welcome, all are loved.*** We celebrate our colonial roots as we change, adapt and grow into who God is calling us to be. We respect the sanctity of each person's spiritual journey and we are blessed by the gifts that each person brings to the life of the church. We join together in faithful service and advocacy with the ongoing hope that we can make the world a better, more just, and peaceful place for everyone.

Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor

Aline Beck, Organist

Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education

Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant

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## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Wedding Congratulations for Aimee Tredeau and Joe Bence  
Christa and Elliot Brown in the passing of their daughter  
Lucy Damiani  
Tonia Egan's Mom and Dad  
Rev. Cheryl Kerr's son Gabe  
Joyce Carpenter nieces Breanna, Mary Jane and brother-in-law Ken  
Bobbie Killilea  
Tom Killilea and the passing of his brother Rick  
Auri Musselman's sister-in-law's family  
Laura Nowell's friend Mary  
Sally Willard's sister  
Woody Knowles  
Donna DeSome's sister Brenda and brother-in-law Rick  
Deana Tredeau's great niece Katie Wise  
Ryan Clark's co-workers  
Conrad Fong  
Bill Livezey  
Kay Shute  
Roberta Low  
Debbie Claar's dear friends Victor and Bob  
Jan Blandino, her grandson Toby  
David Knowles  
Elaine Glancy  
Ted Brierley  
Andrew's friend Lorenzo  
Bill Hitchcock  
Anna Karwan's mom Irene and gratitude for her sister as caretaker  
Skip Glancy and sister Dorothy  
Karen Butler's brother-in-law Lenny  
Barbara Naddaff's friend Mary  
Shirley Fong's Mom Mary  
Julie Lewis' cousin Alicia  
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn  
Jessy McNeil's sisters Grace and Joyce  
Kelly Sievert  
Ginger Mungillo, daughter Cindy, son Jim  
Barbara Garland

Our Country  
The World  
Mother Earth

## **Worship Participation**

### **LENT – Red Wagon Sunday**

Pastor:	Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist:	Aline Beck
Lay Leader:	Debbie Claar
Head Usher:	Dave McNeil
Usher:	Deana Tredeau
Greeter:	Marcia Rich
Collector:	Marge Zamanian
Flowers:	
Nursery:	Kritika Agarwala
Sunday School:	Deb Raymond
Coffee Host:	Donna Ferro
Bakers:	Chris Stahlinski

## **Worship Participation**

### **LENT-Communion Sunday**

Communion Prep:	Chris Stahlinski
	Marge Zamanian
Pastor:	Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist:	Aline Beck
Lay Leader:	Sarah Clark
Head Usher:	Dave McNeil
Usher:	Sally Willard
Greeter:	
Collector:	Dick Butler
Flowers:	
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## **Bible Study - Every Wednesday, 2-3pm**

We will start a Lenten Bible Study this week.  
Join us in the conference room on Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89076641525>

## **NAME TAGS**

To help create a welcoming atmosphere, we ask that you wear your name tag. If you don't have one, please let Bobbie know.



## **CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE**

We are busy making prayer shawls and prayers squares. Weather permitting, we will meet every Thursday at 1PM in the conference room.

All are welcome!

## **COMMUNITY DINNER AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 25 AT 5:30PM**

Join the community for a dinner of Shepherd's Pie (vegetarian option available), salad, dessert and drink. Free to all!



## **Sunday 3/15/26 2-3pm Pool Party at the Billerica Boys & Girls Club**

The heated pool invites you to: have fun playing pool volleyball, swim short laps or just hang out in the warm water. All participants must sign up on the signup sheet at coffee hour or contact Deb at 857-373-9156.

If more than 20 people attend, we need to give the pool a week's notice to provide a 2<sup>nd</sup> life guard.

**Signup no later than 3/8/26!** There are changing rooms but no towels. Please bring your own towels. Boys & Girls Club at 19 Campbell Rd. Billerica.