

Belleville Congregational Church

*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ*



The Ties That Bind

*A threefold cord is
not quickly broken.
– Ecclesiastes 4:12*

Mission of Belleville Church

Centered in the inclusive love of Jesus Christ, we seek to be a welcoming, affirming, and healing congregation. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to grow and be renewed through our worship, fellowship, scripture study, and the sharing of our gifts. Strengthened by God's love and guidance, we strive to serve with compassion those in need, both near and far.

Led By: Special Live Stream (*see acknowledgements*)
and Rev. Ross Varney

Ushers: Sue Wolfendale

Coffee Hour: Dorothy Williamson

Musician: Kirsten Helgeland

September

27

2026

- (*) where indicated, if able, please stand -

Let's quiet our hearts and minds during the prelude to welcome God's spirit.

Prelude

Blest Be the Tie That Binds and Mrs. Jamieson's Favorite
Composer: Thomas Keesecker

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Composer: David Gale

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Composer: Anna Laura Page

Opening

Rev. S. Brae Adams

Welcome

Rev. Darrell Goodwin

Call to Worship

Rev. S. Brae Adams

One: We gather here as one, the body of Christ brought to life in us.

Many: Together, we honor our past, the ancestors who set us on the path, the legacy of faith that they created for us, the grace of God that has brought us to this place.

One: We gather here from places far and near, in person and online

Many: Together, we thank God for breathing new life into our community, for the provision that has been given us in this time and in this place, for the bond made stronger .

One: We gather here to look towards the future.

Many: Together, we hold fast to the movement of the Holy Spirit and trust in the promise that is ahead.

ALL: Let us rejoice in the gifts of what has been, what is, and the promise that is to come.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Toni DiPina, Rev. Dr. Julie Cedrone

** 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.'*

*** Opening Hymn**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

(NCH #471)

Scripture Readings

Kimberly Donaldson and Christopher Cole

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Choral Anthem*Total Praise*

AM Conference Choir

Intro of Guest Preacher

Rev. Cathlin Baker

Sermon

The Honorable Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock

Sharing Joys and Concerns**Prayer and Silent Prayer****Offering Time****Offertory***Blest Be the Tie That Binds**Composer: Chuck Marohnic**** Doxology, Dedication of Offerings**

Pilgrim Hymnal #515

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;**Praise God, all creatures here below;**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen***Announcements*****Closing Hymn***“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”*

(NCH #594)

Benediction**Postlude***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**Composer: Anna Laura Page*

Feel free to leave when ready; please do so quietly. Join us for refreshments in the stage room

LIVE STREAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Southern New England Conference

The Ties That Bind 7th Annual Meeting Worcester MA

Rev. S. Brae Adams (she/hers), United Congregational Church Worcester

Rev. Darrell Goodwin (he/him), Executive Conference Minister

Rev. Toni DiPina, (she/they), Retired UCC/ABC -Northbridge, MA

Rev. Dr. Julie Cedrone (she/hers), First Congregational Church of Auburn

LaQuentin Jenkins (Opening Hymn)

Kimberly Donaldson (she/hers), Dixwell Ave Congregational Church, New Haven

Christopher Cole (he/they), First Congregational Church Watertown

AM Conference Choir, Directed by Amanda Hanzlik (Choral Anthem)

Rev. Cathlin Baker (she/her), First Congregational Church West Tisbury

The Honorable Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock



PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

If you would like prayers for yourself or others, please place your request in the offering plate during worship service. You could also call/e-mail the office by Thursdays by 11:00 AM.

THANKSGIVING FOR

For Ben H birthday, and Sue preparing a good gathering for him.

For birthday of Lynn's Dad, now 88 years

For World Peace Day, and Ross and Lynn meeting at world Peace Day years ago.

For Phil's time teaching at Chelsea High School, with students from about 60 countries!

Thomas Paine writing "Common Sense" in 1776, a case against monarchy and aristocracy.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study - Thursdays at 1:00 PM

UPCOMING

Sunday October 4th 7:00 PM – Rev. Dr. Jon Paul Sydnor

Join us for Meditation Mondays - Take time to center and ground yourself weekly with 30 minutes of partially guided meditation beginning Monday Oct. 5th at 5pm in the Chapel with Lynn Varney. No sign-ups, drop in as you are able.

Sunday October 18th - Soup's On coffee hour. See Gail for details Bring a favorite soup!

Lunch and Learn for Leaders (Pastors and Church Leaders) online monthly each 1st and 3rd Sunday 12-1PM.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

If you are unable to perform the assigned task, please trade with someone on the list.

SEPTEMBER			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Sept 6th	Audrey Clarkson	Mary Lou Tyler	Mary Lou Tyler
Sept 13th	Mardee Beauparlant		Lynn Varney
Sep 20th	Kathy Raywood	Mary Lou Tyler	POTLUCK
Sept 27th	Sue Wolfendale	Rachel Shunamon	Dorothy Williamson

OCTOBER			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Oct 4 th	Audrey Clarkson	Ben Heersink	Sue Heersink
Oct 11 th	Liz Neale	Keith Barbera	Mardee Beauparlant
Oct 18 th	Mary Lou Tyler	Jim Samuelson	SOUPS ON! See Gail
Oct 25 th	Peggy Utterback	Peggy Utterback	Peggy Utterback

MUSIC SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

6th – Joyce Rice
 13th – Joyce Rice
 20th – Phil Cosgrove
 27th – Kirsten Helgeland

OCTOBER

4th – Joyce Rice
 11th – Joyce Rice
 18th – Phil Cosgrove
 25th – Joyce Rice

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

17th - Tim Dean
 19th - Ryan Overbeek
 20th - Lori Wiswell
 20th - Ben Heersink
 26th - Ross Varney

OCTOBER

7th - Lance Eskelund
 8th - Virginia Lowell
 13th - Denis Ipbuken
 22nd - Keith Conway
 24th - Janet Woodman
 26th - Emily Fay

*If you would like to add your birthday, please e-mail
office@belleville-church.com*