

Take My Life, God, Let it Be

Take my life, God, let it be
consecrated faithfully.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my spirit, let it move
at the impulse of your love.
Take my intellect and use
all its powers as you choose.

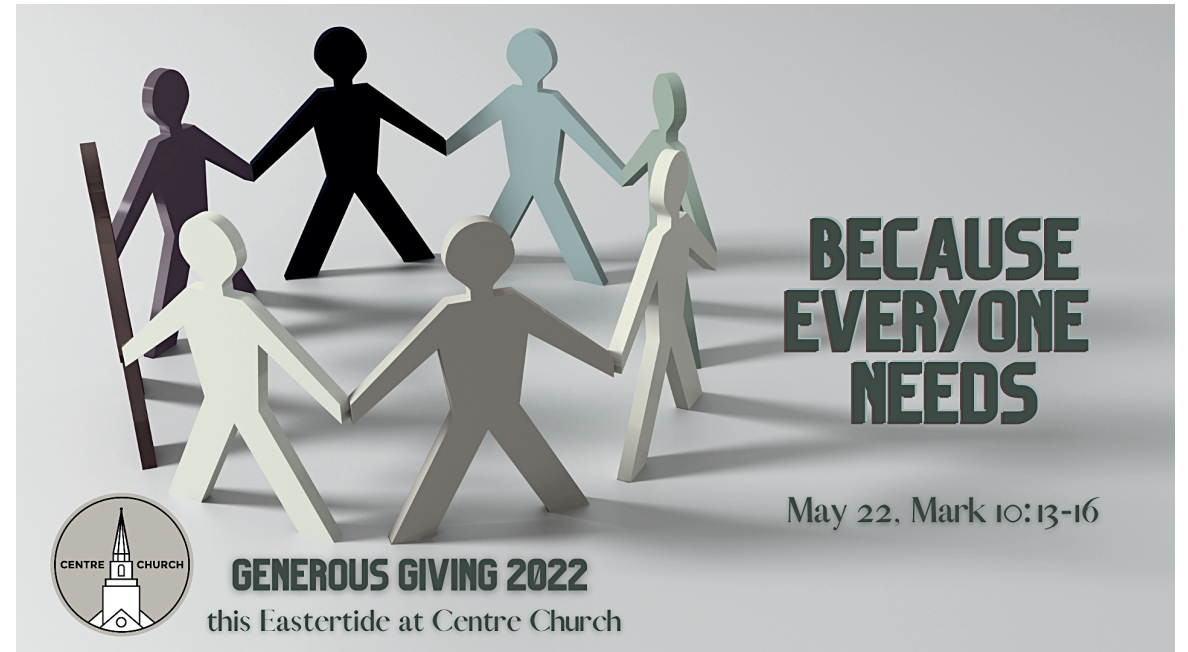
Take my will; your will be done!
Make your will and mine be one.
Take my heart, and by your grace
make of it your dwelling place.

Take my love and help it grow;
let my loving overflow.
Take me now, and help me be
part of Christ's community.

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:00 AM

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts
May 22, 2022

"The only requirement to belong is the experience of need. Which means, of course, everyone belongs." - Erika Marksbury

WE GATHER Prelude

All Creatures of our God and King

Cardall

Welcome and Announcements

We Cross the Threshold

Because Everyone Needs

What Gift Can We Bring? #370 vs. 1 and 2

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

*stand as you are able

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, In my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Closing Hymn

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WE GO OUT

Benediction

Postlude

Come Thou Font, Come Thy King

Miller

Our ushers today are Bill Seelig and Jeff Law.

The flowers on altar this morning are a gift from the Baud/Dvorak family in loving memory of Elizabeth Baud, whose life we celebrated here at Centre Church on Wednesday afternoon.

Worship Notes:

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Calling on God

Opening Prayer

Debbie Cotting

Let us pray together:

God of peace and power, gather us into this time of worship, we pray. Settle us in with one another and open our hearts and minds to the good news that you are ever bringing into our midst. Inspire, through the power of your Holy Spirit, our generous giving today and in the coming year. Help us dig deeply, think clearly, and share abundantly because we trust in You for our daily bread. In the powerful and humble name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn

**Lord, I Want To Be a Christian*

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WE PROCLAIM

Mini Message

Jesus and the Children

Allison Barbieri

The Word in Music

My Offering

Nordeman

The Gospel

Mark 10:13-16

Debbie Cotting

Response

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,
P: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Power Play"

Rev. Nancy Rottman

Pastoral Prayer 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.

WE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Call to the Offering and Commitment

Offertory

The Unmaking

Hodges and Nordeman

*Hymn of Praise (unison)

Tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Living God, whom we adore**

*Litany for Blessing our Gifts

L: O, God, our Creator, Savior, Sustainer, we offer all of these gifts for your blessing,

P: recognizing that they have first come from your providence and grace.

L: Through our brother Jesus we have learned that the only requirement for belonging in Your family is

P: the experience of need.

L: You call us to be generous for someone else in need,

P: and that through our giving and receiving we become One family.

L: We are daily meant to recall that this earth and everything in it belong to you, O God,

P: and that we are meant to steward its resources according to your law of love.

L: As so, as your servant church of serving people, O God, we offer these present gifts and future promises to the work of the Gospel.

P: May they spread your Good News by sowing seeds of hope, peace, joy, and love in and among our community and beyond.

L: We dedicate the words of our mouths, the work of our hands, and the love of all of our hearts,

P: to the building up your kin-dom in the world in each and every present moment.

L: For we are your servant people, your beloved children, your church.

P: May your way ever more become our way, by the power of your grace and the abundance of your mercy.

L: in the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray,

P: Amen.