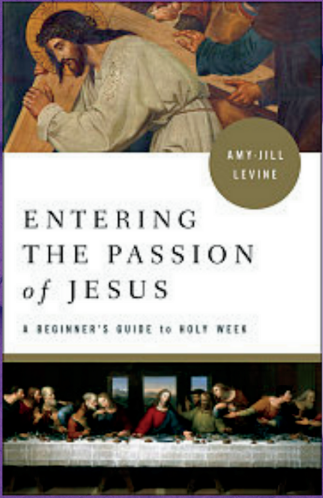


We begin our Lenten Journey

Ash Wednesday

A close-up photograph of a white cross shape drawn on a surface of dark brown ash. The ash is piled up around the cross, and a small portion of a brown egg is visible on the right side.

Worship with us at 7:00 pm  **CENTRE CHURCH**

The book cover features a classical painting of Jesus with a halo, surrounded by people. The title 'ENTERING THE PASSION of JESUS' is prominently displayed, with the author's name 'AMY-JILL LEVINE' in a gold circle. Below the title, it says 'A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK'. At the bottom, there is a smaller image of the Last Supper.

Lenten Book Group

Join Rev. Lori as we enter the Passion of Jesus this Lent. This excellent series written by Massachusetts native Amy-Jill Levine has insights for all of us, regardless of our previous education or experience.

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Narthex
beginning on 3/1**

**Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room
beginning on 2/23**

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Spiritual
Affective
Disorder

Shining a light on the "blahs."

A modern interior scene with a black armchair, a small black side table with a potted plant, and a tall, thin, gold-colored floor lamp with a conical shade. The background is a dark, textured wall.

 19 February: Get Up and Don't Be Afraid

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

February 19, 2023
10:00 am

WE GATHER
Prelude

Choral Song

Broughton

Welcome and Announcements

Threshold

Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith

arr. Chuck Bell

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid,
think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Opening Prayer

Kathi Martin:

Let us pray: Motivating God, we give you thanks for the courage to live boldly into your promises. Open our eyes to the light of possibilities, even when the day ahead holds difficulties. Be with us, near us, beside us. Amen.

Opening Hymn

**We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

#182

*stand as you are able

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?
(vs 2-6)

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
go the mile and bear the load.**

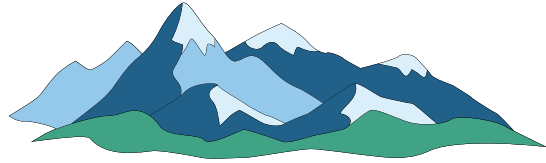
**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**





We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

WE PROCLAIM

Mini Message

Laraine Wilson

**More light, more truth
is breaking from Your Word.
More light, more truth,
Holy Spirit, help us hear what needs to be heard.**

Word in Music

Pie Jesu

Webber

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Kathi Martin

Response

A Word of God for the People of God,
People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Weaving Our Story and God's Story for GOOD"

The Rev. Nancy Butcher

WE RESPOND

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.

Choral Response

**Open unto me, peace for my turmoil,
peace for my turmoil, open unto me.
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil,
open unto me, O God.**

Offering

Call to the Offering

Offertory

You Raise Me Up

*Hymn of Praise (unison)

Groban/Arr. Knight
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**

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH

Practices for the Week

Closing Hymn

**Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

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(vs. 2-6)

Benediction

Postlude

Praise

Martin

Our ushers today are George Hayden and Phil Fisher.
Our Coffee Hour host today is the Social and Environmental Ministries Team.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in memory of Herbert and Irene Allyn by their children: Pam Harris, Bruce Allyn, Sheryl Mooney and Kim Allyn.



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Easter Basket Project

The Centre Church Easter Bunnies are gearing up to make Easter Baskets to benefit the children served by La Colaborativa. Last year, with the support of the congregation and the community, we made over 600 baskets! We are looking for donations of wrapped candy: chocolate eggs, candy kisses, chocolate bunnies, bite-sized candy bars would all be wonderful and appreciated. The green wagon will be in the Narthex to collect your donations.