

Maundy Thursday
A Service of Tenebrae
and The Lord's Supper

April 6 at 7:00 pm



CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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LOOKIN' FOR...

IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES

LENT 3
"Look for the Thirst-Quencher"

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

March 12, 2023
10:00 am

WE GATHER
Prelude

Orgelstuck

Kehrer

Welcome

Threshold

Show Us How to Love

words by Lindy Thompson
music by Mark Miller

Hearts open, minds awake,
change us now for heaven's sake.
Leave us not alone in hatred's wake.
Show us how to love.
Show us how to love.
Show us how, show us how to love.

Eyes open, shocked awake,
much to learn from our mistakes.
Draw us closer in our heartache.
Show us how to love.
Show us how to love.
Show us how, show us how to love.

Confession and Assurance

Rev. Lori

Let us pray: Holy and Merciful One, in this season of discernment we come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in the approval of others, giving away the power to claim for ourselves that we are inherently beloved, created by God.

*stand as you are able

Easter Basket Project



The Centre Church Easter Bunnies are in the process of making 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! Thanks to all the generous donations, we have lots of candy. **But, we are still in need of baskets, small toys, and small stuffed animals. Consumer tip: The Dollar Tree stores have a good and well-priced selection.** The green wagon will be in the Narthex to collect your donations. Join us to assemble Easter Baskets on **Tuesday nights from 7-9 PM** in Todd Hall through April 4.

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

**1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.**

**3 When I reach the River Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on heaven's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.**

Crashing Waters at Creation

**1 Crashing waters at creation
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
First to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death.**

**2 Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
Washing off the chains of bondage,
channel to a life made new.**

**3 Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the One foretold,
Opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.**

**4 Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, Source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.**

**People: We yearn for lives that matter,
we desire relationships that thrive,
we want less regret.**

Rev. Lori: At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others by affirming their worth and dignity. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better. In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living.

~Silence~

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who says, our God is the “rock of our salvation” in whose hand is the “depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains.” Let us respond together:

All: We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen!

Opening Hymn

**Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

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WE PROCLAIM

Mini Message

Word in Music

Seek The Lord

Green/Day

The Gospel

John 4:5-42

Scott Barké

The Sermon

"Chronically Thirsty"

Rev. Lori Anne Wyckoff

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Prayers for the World
Prayers for Our Community

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

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.

Offering

Call to the Offering
Offertory
*Hymn of Praise (unison)

Irish Blessing

Chilcott

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
Announcements

Closing Hymn

**Crashing Waters at Creation.*

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Benediction

Postlude

Fuga

Czernohorsky

Our ushers today are Ann Decker and David Bjorkman.
Our Coffee Hour hosts today are Sheri and Larainne Wilson.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by the Becker and Biagioni families to honor the life of Ernest Becker and to celebrate 67 years of Becker family membership in Centre Church.

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