

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

April 6 at 7:00 pm



Easter
Sunrise
Service

5:45 am
April 9

Newhall Park Parking Lot
Suntaug Lake



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 4

"Look for the Shepherd"

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

March 19, 2023

10:00 am

WE GATHER
Prelude

Prelude on 'Cleansing Fountain'

Mansfield

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 halls of the perceived power of public opinion or unexamined presumptions about others not like us rather than the real power of love and care for one another.

*stand as you are able



Easter Basket Project

So far, the Centre Church Easter bunnies have assembled 214 Easter baskets and 114 Easter goody bags for the children served by La Colaborativa. Last year, with the support of the congregation and the community, we made over 600 baskets and bags! Thanks to all the generous donations, we have lots of candy. But, we are still in need of baskets, small toys, small stuffed animals, and chocolate bunnies. 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 night, March 21 from 7-9 PM. We'll meet in Richards Hall on 3/21 because the Historical Society is gathering in Todd Hall that night.

Amazing Grace

**1 Amazing grace,
how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did
that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**3 Through many dangers,
toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me
safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 My God has promised
good to me,
whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield
and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

**1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your folds prepare.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us, yours we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us, yours we are.**

**2 We are yours, in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.**



**3 Let us always seek your favor;
let us always do your will;
Jesus Christ, our only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.**



**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. 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 that “the Lord is our shepherd... whose goodness and mercy follows us all the days of our lives.” 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

**Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us* #252

WE PROCLAIM

Mini Message

The First Reading

Psalm 23 Margaret Waugh

Word in Music

Oh All Ye Who Travel Upon The Highway DuBois

The Gospel

John 9:1-41 Margaret Waugh

The Sermon

"On Whose Authority?"

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 *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* DuBois

*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

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH
Announcements

Closing Hymn

**Amazing Grace.* #547

Benediction

Postlude

Legions For Christ Wilson

Our ushers today are Dwight Decker and Phil Fisher.
Our Coffee Hour hosts today are members of the Social and Environmental Justice Ministries Team.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of Al & Judy Johnson's parents, Gingy & Dotty Johnson and Chris Harding.

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