



Pull out your pie recipes, it's time for the Great Pie Challenge! This year the Great Pie Challenge will be held on Confirmation Sunday, May 21st, after worship. Pies can be dropped off that morning. Signup sheets will be in the Narthex starting April 16th or you can contact Annmarie Pendola (617-549-9164).

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*Open: Into the Light*

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

**April 23, 2023**

**10:00 am**

## WE GATHER

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Questions for Metamorphosis

Rev. Lori: On the long road of our faith journey, we wonder...

**People: ...what lies ahead along the path?**

Through all our in-between stages of transformation, we wonder...

**...where am I going, and where am I growing?**

As we search for direction in life, we wonder...

**...how can I trust when everything is so uncertain?**

Moving into new paradigms and perspectives, we wonder...

**...what will be revealed when I open up to new possibilities?**

Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

**"You too are my child.**

**You can emerge to renewed life.**

**Again and again."**

**Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

*\*Open My Eyes That I May See*

(see insert)

### Mini Message

\*stand as you are able

## Arise, Your Light Has Come

Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today!

Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captives liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.



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### Green Church Initiative

Head on over to: <http://centre-church.org/GreenChurch.html> to learn more about some of our Green Church initiatives. There you'll find opportunities, hints and tips which we hope will encourage you to live green! Please scroll to the bottom for ways to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in our own community.

## ***Open My Eyes That I May See***

**1 Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unlock and set me free.**

**Silently now, on bended knee,  
ready I wait your will to see;  
open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!**

**2 Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth you send so clear,  
and while the message sounds in my ear,  
everything false will disappear.**

**Silently now, on bended knee,  
ready I wait your will to see;  
open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!**

**3 Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with your children thus to share.**

**Silently now, on bended knee,  
ready I wait your will to see;  
open my heart, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!**



## **Song of Preparation**

*Are Ye Able*

**"Are ye able?" Still the [Savior]  
whispers down eternity,  
and heroic spirits answer,  
"Now, as then, in Galilee."**

**Lord, we are able!  
Our spirits are Thine.  
Remold them, make us,  
like Thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance  
above us shall be  
a beacon to God,  
to love, and loyalty.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 24:28-49

Jeff Law

## **Anthem**

## **Sermon**

"Journeying Together"

Rev. Lori Anne Wyckoff

## **WE PRAY**

## **Entering into Prayer**

*Open Me*

Kirkland and McFee

Form me... hold me... open me... unfold me... unfurl me...  
untether me... uncurl me... uncrease me... unwrap me...



## 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.**

## THE OFFERING

Call to the Offering

Offertory

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication

## WE EMERGE INTO NEW LIFE

### Announcements

### Closing Hymn

*\*Arise Your Light Has Come*

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## Blessing and Benediction

## Postlude

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Karen Nascembeni in loving memory of her husband, Steven Richard.

Our ushers this morning are Jeff Langill and Paul Harrington.

Our coffee fellowship host is Kathi Martin.

## Worship Notes

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