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Healthy Living EXPO

Geranium Sales to benefit Townscape!

Saturday, May 20, 2023 - 10 am to 1 pm
Lynnfield Town Common
(Rain Location: Lynnfield Middle School)

Over 40 vendors featuring health information and interactive activities



EVENT FOR ALL AGES
FREE!



2ND ANNUAL LYNNFIELD PRIDE
SUNDAY MAY 21ST
Lynnfield Town Common 3-6 PM

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ
5 Summer St. Lynnfield MA 01940
781-334-3050 www.Centre-Church.org
We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

The Rev. Lori Anne Wyckoff, Senior Pastor
Larainne Wilson, Director of Faith Formation
Douglas W. Hodgkins, Organist/Choir Director
Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School
Alison O'Connor, Church Administrator



Commitment Sunday

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

May 7, 2023

10:00 am

Trio

WE GATHER
Prelude

Couperin

Welcome
Questions for Metamorphosis

Larainne: When we arrived in this world, we wondered...

People: ...from where will I get my sustenance and care?

When we were children, we wondered...

...who will I become on this adventure called life?

Change can make us feel awkward and fragile, and we wonder...

...how can I move through this change with grace?

When we give ourselves permission to dream big dreams, we wonder...

...how can I realize that vision?

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

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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Mini Message

Song of Preparation

Are Ye Able

"Are ye able?" Still the [Savior]

whispers down eternity,

and heroic spirits answer,

"Now, as then, in Galilee."

**stand as you are able*

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

**1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of our Go, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help for ever,
and our confidence alone.**

**2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O God of Hosts, today!
With your constant, loving kindness
hear your people as they pray.
Give your fullest benediction:
grace to follow Christ the Way.**

**3 Here renew your servants' vision,
that by faith they may attain
peace and hope, renewed compassion,
strength to comfort those in pain,
Tears and grief transformed to gladness
in your everlasting reign.**

This is a Day of New Beginnings

**1 This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.**

***4 In faith we'll gather 'round the table
to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings -
our God is making all things new.**

My Hope Is Built

**1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust this earthly frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**2 When shadows veil my Savior's face,
I rest upon unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
[Refrain]**

**3 Christ's oath and covenant and blood
support me in the rising flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
Christ then is all my hope and stay.
[Refrain]**

**4 When Christ shall come with trumpet
sound,
oh, may I then in Love be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.
[Refrain]**

Worship Notes

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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).

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.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16: 13-20

Debbie Cotting

Response

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

Anthem

You Are The Christ, The Son Of God

Larson

Sermon

"Who Do You Say That You Are: Identity and Mission"

Rev. Lori Anne Wyckoff

WE PRAY

Entering into Prayer

Open Me Kirkland and McFee



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 AND DEDICATION OF
OUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

Call to the Offering
Offertory
Doxology

Savior God

Ellington

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!

Litany of Dedication
(see insert)

Debbie Cotting

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

This Is a Day of New Beginnings
[verses 1 and *]

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Invitation
Words of Remembrance
Communion Prayer
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator God, hear us when we say, "Thank you!" For your invitation to new life offered in the simple tastes of bread and cup, we thank you. For your call to share a portion of what we have with those who have not, we thank you. For the opportunity to know love and belonging here, and to invite others to find the same with us, we thank you! We are your people, you are our life, through Christ Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

WE EMERGE INTO NEW LIFE
Announcements

Closing Hymn

**Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

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Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

Plein Chant et Plein Jeu

Couperin

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in memory of our very much loved and missed dad and husband, Tony Lucia.

Our ushers this morning are Raden Sorli-Hawk, David Bjorkman, Kathi Martin, and Jeff Law.

Our coffee fellowship host is Larainne Wilson.

Litany of Dedication

Debbie: Creator God, you raise us with Jesus from death to life,

People: ...and to a love that nothing can destroy.

Debbie: Yet so often we live as though the tomb were still sealed,

People: ...and the stone unmoved and unmoving from its place.

Debbie: Help us to know the truth of resurrection in our own lives right now.

People: Remove the stones of discouragement and frustration that keep us sealed off from new possibilities.

Debbie: In the confidence of the risen Christ and in his way of Love,

People: May we break forth to live and give in the spirit of life's abundance, claiming new life with all of our hands and hearts. In the name of our brother and our savior, Jesus. Amen.

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