

Celebrate Pride Month with



**Panel Discussion and Q&A
Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 - 8 pm
Lynnfield Meeting House**

SpeakOUT Boston has been telling the stories of LGBTQ+ lives for over 50 years. Since 1972, SpeakOUT volunteers have shared stories in an engaging way and fostered dialogues within schools, colleges, businesses, faith communities, nonprofit organizations, and more.

Join us on Wednesday, June 7, 6:30pm for a panel of speakers from SpeakOUT to celebrate Pride Month and learn more about current issues for the community. The speakers will share their personal stories and offer an opportunity for the audience to ask their own questions in an interactive Q&A.



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DAY OF PENTECOST

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

June 4, 2023

10:00 am

WE GATHER

Prelude

ELLACOMBE C.M.D.

Gesangbuch der Herzogl

Welcome

Questions for Metamorphosis

Laraine: Through growing pains and awkward phases, we wondered...

...am I always going to feel this way?

Before we came to this community, we wondered...

...where could I find a spiritual home?

We all come from different backgrounds and hold different views, and we wonder...

...how can we faithfully hold space for so many differences of opinion?

We look to the future of our church and our world, and we wonder...

...where will God call us to go next?

Then the Spirit of the Divine reminds us,

"You are all a part of me.

**My Spirit is yours for soaring,
and you can emerge to renewed life.**

Again and again."

Amen.

Opening Hymn

**Let Every Christian Pray*

#261

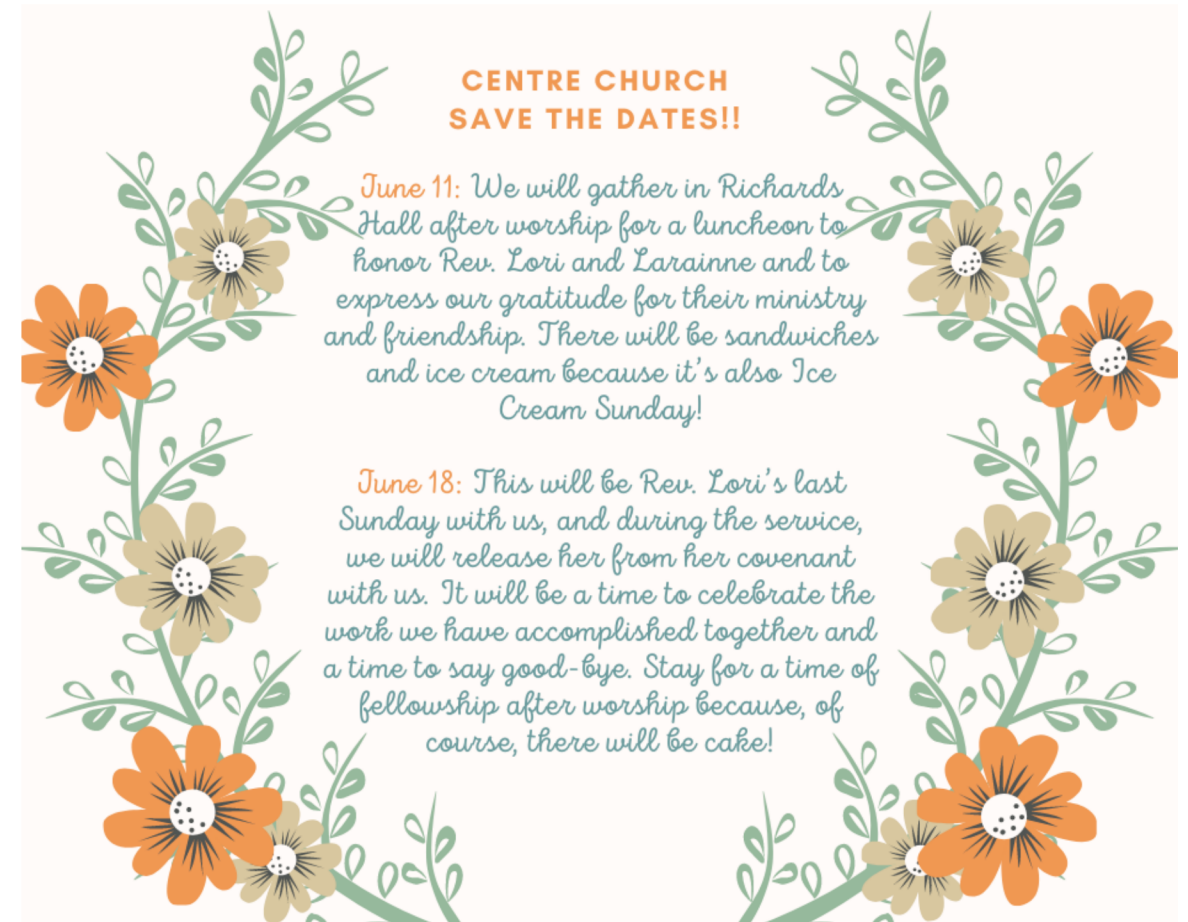
The Baptism Collin John Kushmerek

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-4, 10:34-36

Laraine Wilson

**stand as you are able*



Worship Notes

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Open Me by Rev. Elaine B. Kirkland with lyrics by Dr. Marcia McFee.

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In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain:

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

2 through the flood of starving people,
warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care?
[Refrain]

3 As we stand a world divided
by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village,
might envision wider dreams.
[Refrain]

4 We are man and we are woman,
all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation,
each a love song to be sung.
[Refrain]

5 Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit
resurrect the church again.
[Refrain]

Response

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

Sermon

“In Every People”

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

The Skye Boat Song

Ross

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!

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* #330
Invitation
Words of Remembrance
Communion Prayer
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving
O God in Christ, you have spread for us a feast for all time. We give you thanks that we are able to partake of it. You remind us each time we do, that there is enough for all and that your goodness and mercy flow in an abundance meant to sweep up every living soul. Let us not stand in the way of your love, but instead be more and ever more the ones you have called to bear it into the world. By the power of your Holy Spirit, we are yours. Amen.

WE EMERGE INTO NEW LIFE
Announcements

Closing Hymn
**In The Midst of New Dimensions* #391

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude
Sent Forth by God's Blessing Welsh Folk Melody
The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Nancy Lauzon, in loving memory of her husband Roger.
Our ushers this morning are Raden Sorli-Hawk, Ann Decker, Dwight Decker, and Jeff Langill.
Our coffee fellowship hosts are Nina Emery and Roy Sorli.

Please remain in the sanctuary following worship for the brief meeting of the congregation.

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
The Special Meeting of the church will be held
on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 11:10 a.m.
to discuss the following items:

**1. Presentation and Approval of the 2023 to 2024
Temporary Operating Budget**
**2. Term extension of Officers, Ministry Team
Chairs, and Other Positions**

Bruce Weaver, Moderator

Let Every Christian Pray
1 Let every Christian pray,
this day and every day,
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the church we love
commissioned from above?
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

2 The Spirit brought to birth
the church of Christ on earth
to seek and save the lost:
God never has withdrawn,
since that tremendous dawn,
the gifts at Pentecost.

3 Only the Spirit's power
can fit us for this hour:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Unite, instruct, inspire,
and fill us see your fire:
come, Holy Spirit, come!

Let Us Break Bread Together
1 Let us break bread together
on our knees;
let us break bred together
on our knees.

Refrain:
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together
on our knees;
let us drink wine together
on our knees. [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together
on our knees;
let us praise God together
on our knees. [Refrain]

Celebration of Baptism



Collin John Kushmerek
Son of Courtney and Adam Kushmerek

WORDS OF WELCOME

(responsively)

LEADER: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

PEOPLE: **There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.**

LEADER: Baptism is the sacrament through which we are united with Jesus Christ, and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness and the renewal of the Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be Christ's disciples always.

PEOPLE: **This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members in Christ's body.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:13-16 (responsively)

LEADER: They were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them:

PEOPLE: **"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

LEADER: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

PRESENTATION OF THE WATER FOR BAPTISM

Harleigh Kushmerek

PROMISES OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

- Who brings this child for baptism? **Parents: We do.**
- Do you, Courtney and Adam, desire to have Collin baptized into this Christian community? **We do.**
- Will you journey with Collin to discover the wonder of God's love? **We will.**
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- Will you foster for Collin an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus? **We will.**
- Will you teach Collin to honor and explore the faith questions that come to him throughout his life and to respect others’ journeys of meaning-making? **We will.**
- Will you participate regularly with Collin in the worship, life, support, work, and mission of the church of Jesus Christ as it serves the community and the world? **We will.**

- And do you, Michael, who stands as godparent promise to support Collin and his parents in the promises made this day? Do you promise to nurture this child as he explores the ways of God and as he grows in faith? **I do.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LEADER: As a sign of covenant with those baptized this day let us all join with those participating and with the church in all times and places in affirming our faith.

Do you believe in God the Source, the fountain of life? **I believe in God.**

Do you believe in Christ the Servant, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church?

I believe in Christ.

Do you believe in the Spirit the Guide, the liberating wellspring of life? **I believe in the Spirit.**

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

(responsively)

LEADER: Jesus calls us to make disciples of others, and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism.

On behalf of the Christian Church in every place, do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to Collin as he lives and grows in Christ?

PEOPLE: We promise our love, support, and care.

BAPTISM OF COLLIN JOHN KUSHMEREK

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day as we in this community come together in covenant with Collin and his parents Courtney and Adam. We pray that this community will have the grace to uphold the promises made here this day, so that we may provide a safe shelter of your love in which Collin may learn and grow. Give to Collin, his parents, sister, and godparents strength for life’s journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

PRESENTATIONS AND WELCOME

People of God, let us welcome Collin into our midst, named by God and called with us to be God’s servant people. Go now in peace.

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