

What a Covenant

**1 What a covenant, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

[Refrain]

**3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

[Refrain]

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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Alison O'Connor, Church Administrator



Children's Sunday

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

June 11, 2023

10:00 am

WE GATHER

Prelude

Marche Religieuse

Mendelssohn

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hailey and Hannah Crosbie

Opening Hymn

**To You, O God, All Creatures Sing*
(verses 1-4)

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Mini Message

"Courage of the Heart"

Autumn & Aiden Wilson,
Martha & Paula Swayne-Gerrish,
Sage Gaskins, & Ellie Barbieri

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory
(verses 1, 4, 5)

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Contemporary Reading

From Coretta Scott King

Kamden Mauser

Scripture Reading

Psalm 27: 1 & 14

Frankie Barbieri

Response

Frankie: The Word of God for the People of God,

People: Thanks be to God.

*stand as you are able

Exchange of Gifts

Closing Prayer

Rev. Lori

Benediction

Sarah Crosbie

God of Grace and God of Glory

**1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**4 Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christ-like graces,
in the fight to set us free.**

**Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
in the quest for liberty,
in the quest for liberty.**

**5 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for your salvation
be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.**

RELEASE OF COVENANT LITURGY

Introduction

Rev. Lori Wyckoff

Sharing of Memories

Words of Gratitude and Release

Sarah Crosbie: Your ministry among us has embodied a gentle and generous spirit. Today we give thanks for the ways you have kept baptismal promises for so many people in this congregation: encouraging imagination, affirming questions, inviting prayer, holding boundaries, blessing the chaos, and helping others experience safety, challenge, and love in the body of Christ.

Rev. Lori: In August of 2017, this church hired Larainne Wilson to serve as the Director of Faith Formation.

Larainne: I thank Centre Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me over these last 5+ years. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here and the joy of loving and supportive relationships shared.

People (led by the children): We receive your thankfulness and offer you our own for all the ways you have led us on our journeys of faith.

Larainne: I accept your gratitude and thank God for all that we have shared together. I trust now, as we say goodbye, that God's steadfast presence will be with this church as you find the next leaders whose gifts will empower new ministries in this place.

People: Go with God, Ms. Larainne, trusting that God will guide you to the new ministries looking for your good gifts.

Anthem

Bound For Greater Things

Medema

Message

Godly Play Story: "For Such a Time As This"
The Story of Esther

Larainne Wilson

WE PRAY

Call to Prayer

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing
(verse 5)

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Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Lori Anne Wyckoff

The Lord's Prayer

Autumn Wilson

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

Doxology

Benedictus

Sage Gaskins

Curry

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 GO OUT
Release of Covenant

(see page 5 and 6)

Announcements

Closing Hymn

**What a Covenant*

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Benediction

Postlude

Offertoire

Beauvarlet-Charpentier

Our ushers this morning are Jeff Langill & Phil Fisher.

The flowers on the altar this morning honor Lorraine Wilson for her service to Centre Church as Director of Faith Formation. We celebrate her work with our children and families and wish her well in all her future endeavors.

Join us in Richards Hall for a celebratory luncheon in honor of Rev Lori & Larainne

Worship Notes

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To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

**1 To you, O God, all creatures sing,
and all creation every thing
sings your praises, alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam,
your silver moon with softer gleam
sing your praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**2 Your wind that blows the tempest by,
your clouds that sail across the sky
sings your praises, alleluia!
Your morning rises with a song,
and lights of evening sing along,
sing your praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**3 Your flowing waters, crystal clear,
make melodies for you to hear,
sing your praises, alleluia!
Your fire, bountiful and bright,
remembering your warmth and light,
sing your praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**4 To you, O God, day after day,
your planet earth in every way,
sings your praises, alleluia,
As savory fruit and fragrant flower
show forth your glory and your power,
singing praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Call to Prayer

**5 Now we who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take our part,
sing your praises, alleluia!
To you we lift our pain and care,
receive the burdens that we bear,
singing praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**



*Please join us after worship
today in Richards Hall for
a luncheon to honor
Rev. Lori and Larainne
and to express our gratitude for their
ministry and friendship.
There will be sandwiches and ice cream
because it's also ice cream Sunday!*

