



**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
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**“The Love  
that  
Transforms”**

*Rev. Thomas Bentley*

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

**October 29, 2023**

**10:00 am**

**\*PRELUDE**

*Marche Religieuse*

Mendelssohn

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Jim Marshall**

*Leader: Our hearts are lifted up toward God.*

**People: God created all that is!**

*Leader: We celebrate that great love of God.*

**People: God gifted us with Jesus, our Friend and our Savior.**

*Leader: Rejoice and be glad today!*

**Leader & People: Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings. AMEN.**

**OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

**Jim Marshall**

**Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"I Would Be True"*

**#492**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM~ Declan Hatfield**

*See Insert*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Jim Marshall**

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (pg 105)**

**The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.**

**You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.**

\*Stand as you are able



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# Holiday Craft Fair

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10 AM - 3 PM



Start your holiday shopping early! Lots of great items from talented local artisans will be featured including:

- Unique jewelry \* Quilted bags
- Fabric baskets \* Pottery
- Gift baskets \* Original art
- Wreaths \* Photography
- Ornaments \* Quilts \* Place mats
- Pot holders \* Handmade cards
- Pottery \* Dog and cat treats \*
- Pillows \* Aprons \* Throws
- Folk art painting \* Wool mittens and MORE!

— PLUS! —



Bake Sale

**Festival of Trees**

**RAFFLE**



**5 SUMMER STREET, LYNNFIELD MA**

# Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to staff church tables at the Holiday Craft Fair on November 4 from 10AM - 3PM. Also needed are wrapped baked goods - cookies, brownies, breads, cakes, pies - your choice! Sign up in the Narthex or contact Debbie Cotting if you can help.



Our ushers this morning are David Bjorkman & Bob MacKendrick

Our coffee fellowship hosts this morning are Laurel and Peter Caputo



**You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.**

## Call to Offering

### Offertory

*Come As A Child*

Wilson

### \*Doxology

**Tune: Old 100th**

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

## Joys and Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer

### THE LORDS PRAYER (in unison)

**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**

## ANTHEM

*Kyrie*

Althouse

## GOSPEL READING

Jim Marshall

Matthew 22:34-40 (pg 900)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

MESSAGE: “The Love that Transforms”

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\*Closing Hymn

“*Spirit of the Living God*”

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Benediction

Rev. Tom Bentley

Postlude

*Praise The Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him*

Arr. Swann

### Worship Notes.

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## I Would Be True #492

- 1) I would be true, for there are those who trust me;  
I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare,  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
  
- 2) I would be friend of all, the foe, the friendless;  
I would be giving, and forget the gift;  
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;  
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live,  
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live.
  
- 3) I would be prayerful through each busy moment;  
I would be constantly in touch with God;  
I would be tuned to sense God's slightest whisper;  
I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod,  
I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod.



### Spirit Of Living God # 283

Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me!  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me!  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me!  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me!