



The Chosen

Join us on Thursday February 15
at 1:30pm in the Fireside Room



Worship Notes.

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CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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“Far Out and Close at Hand”

Rev. Thomas Bentley

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

February 11, 2024

10:00 am

Prelude

“Prelude “

Dumont

Call to Worship

Debbie Cotting

Leader: All loving One, giver of life, your light shines in our lives.

People: And your glory is revealed through your Son, Jesus.

Leader: Creator God, we ask that you share his presence with us as you did with Peter, James, and John.

Leader & People: Filled with the Holy Spirit we can proclaim his healing love to all the world.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Debbie Cotting

Almighty God, giver of life, your light shines in our lives and your glory is revealed through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Reveal his glory to us as you did to Peter, James, and John, that we may be filled with his power and our mouths may proclaim his presence forevermore. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

“God of Change and Glory”

#177

New Testament Reading

Debbie Cotting

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The Message

If our Message is obscure to anyone, it’s not because we’re holding back in any way. No, it’s because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention. All they have eyes for is the fashionable god of darkness. They think he can give them what they want, and that they won’t have to bother believing a Truth they can’t see. They’re stone-blind to the dayspring brightness of the Message that shines with Christ, who gives us the best picture of God we’ll ever get.



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Sign up in the Narthex today!

Tickets \$20 each
Team limit: 8 People
see you there!

Trivia Night

Saturday March 9 at 6 PM

With Silent Auction and Raffles

Appetizers, Beverages, Pizza, Desserts, and Coffee

**1 God moves in a mysterious way
great wonders to perform;
God plants firm footsteps in the sea
and rides upon the storm.**

**2 Deep in unfathomable mines
of never-failing skill
God floods the earth with bright designs,
guards with a sovereign will.**

**3 O fearful saints, fresh courage take,
the clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
in blessings on your head.**

**4 Judge not God's way through human sense,
but trust unfailing grace;
behind a frowning providence
there shines a smiling face.**

**5 God's purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flower.**

**6 Our unbelief is sure to err
and scan God's work in vain;
God is God's own interpreter,
whose truth shall be made plain.**

Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.

Children's Time

Children age 4-12 are invited to join us for the Kid's Classroom.

Call to Offering

Offertory

"Praise His Holy Name"

Hampton

***Hymn of Praise**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Living God, who we adore.**

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's 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

"He Never Failed Me Yet"

Robert Ray

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-10

Six days later, three of them *did* see it. Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus.

Peter interrupted, “Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let’s build three memorials—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah.” He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing.

Just then a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and from deep in the cloud, a voice: “This is my Son, marked by my love. Listen to him.”

The next minute the disciples were looking around, rubbing their eyes, seeing nothing but Jesus, only Jesus.

Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. “Don’t tell a soul what you saw. After the Son of Man rises from the dead, you’re free to talk.” They puzzled over that, wondering what on earth “rising from the dead” meant.

Debbie Cotting

The Message

Message “Far Out and Close at Hand” Rev. Tom Bentley

*Closing Hymn “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” #412

Benediction: Rev. Tom Bentley

Postlude “Sortie” Durante

Our ushers today are David Bjorkman and Jim Wilkie.

The flowers on the altar today are given by Linda Ladd in memory of her mother, Elaine McKenney Levis.

Please join us in the Narthex for Coffee Hour which is hosted this morning by Linda Ladd and Social and Environmental Ministry

1. God of change and glory,
God of time and space,
When we fear the future,
Give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
Give us still the grace to praise.

*Refrain: Many gifts, one Spirit,
One love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
From diversity we praise
One Giver, one Word,
One Spirit, one God
Known in many ways,
Hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts,
Praise, praise, praise!*

2. God of many colors,
God of many signs,
You have made us different,
Blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
Let your love cast out our fear.
Refrain

3. Freshness of the morning,
Newness of each night,
You are still creating
Endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
Many gifts from one great heart.
Refrain