



Your donations are needed to help fill Easter baskets for the children served by La Colaborativa in Chelsea.

We are in need of Chocolate Easter Bunnies, plastic eggs, individually wrapped candy, baskets, grass, bubbles, coloring books, crayons, or any other fun Easter basket fillers. Please join us to fill baskets Tuesdays at 7pm in Richard's Hall starting February 27.



Worship Notes.

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“The Re-Creating Covenant of God”

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United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

February 18, 2024

10 :00 am

Prelude: *Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth* Arr. Kendall

Welcome and Announcement Rev. Tom Bentley

Call to Worship Linda Ladd

Leader: There are some journeys for which we long.

People: But the journey to the cross looks as though it will be difficult.

Leader: The way of discipleship and faith is difficult.

People: We would prefer something easier. We are not ready for this trip.


Leader: Put your hearts at ease. You are not traveling alone.

Leader and People: Perhaps we can accomplish this trip. At least we will try the first step.

Opening Prayer (in unison) Linda Ladd

The season of Lent is here again and, as with so many times before, we find that we are not really ready for this journey of discipleship. So many things claim our lives and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we look at our barrier of readiness, help us to remember that Christ is with us, every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us, loving Savior, to take this journey of faith to new life with you. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" #31



Sunday, February 25, 2024

We will have Rev. Marie Lucca as our guest preacher next Sunday. Children ages 5 and up will remain in worship with their families.

There will be no "Chosen" discussion this coming Thursday. The next gathering will be Thursday, February 29 at 1:30 pm.



Sign up in the Narthex today!

Saturday March 9 at 6 PM

Tickets \$20 each Team limit: 8 People

see you there!

With Silent Auction and Raffles

Appetizers, Beverages, Pizza, Desserts, and Coffee

Appetizers and Desserts needed! Please let Chuck know if you can help.

For the Beauty of the Earth #28

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.**

**Refrain:
God of all, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]**

**3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]**

**4 For the good that love inspires,
for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires,
and for every heart renewed. [Refrain]**

**Old Testament Reading
Genesis 9: 8-17**

**Linda Ladd
P. 7 in pew Bible**

**Children’s Time
*Children ages 4-12 are invited to join us for the Kid’s Classroom***

**Call to Offering
Offertory “Come All Ye Who Travel Upon the Highway” Dubois
*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 “Savior God Above” Ellington

Gospel Reading
Mark 1: 9-15

Linda Ladd
The Message

At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

At once, this same Spirit pushed Jesus out into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by Satan. Wild animals were his companions, and angels took care of him.

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message."

Message: "The Re-Creating Covenant of God"

Closing Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

#28

Benediction:

Rev. Tom Bentley

Postlude

"To Greet the Morning"

Paxton

**Our Ushers today are Bob MacKendrick
and Raden Sorli Hawk**

**Please join us in the Narthex for Coffee Hour
which is hosted this morning by Kathi Martin.**

***All Things Bright and Beautiful* #31**

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
our dear God made them all.**

**1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings. [Refrain]**

**2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]**

**3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. [Refrain]**