



## The Chosen

Join us on Thursday, March 21  
at 1:30pm in the Fireside Room.

### Worship Notes.

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#### **CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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**“A New Covenant for a New Humanity”**

*Rev. Thomas Bentley*

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United Church of Christ  
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

**March 17, 2024 10:00 am**

Prelude

“ Largo “

Handel

**Welcome and Announcements**

*(Children and youth, ages 4 and up, are invited to go directly to the kitchen where we will be baking muffins for coffee hour today)*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God’s mercy floods over us.

**All: Lord, wash me clean of the pain in my life.**

Leader: God’s love pours into us.

**All: Lord, pour your love into every pore of my being.**

Leader: Let the love and mercy of God reign in your heart today.

**Leader and People: Be with me, Lord, and guide my life. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Scott Barke

**Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus’ name. AMEN.**

**Opening Hymn “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”**

**#410**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:27-34**

Scott Barke

*The Message*

**“Be ready. The time’s coming”— God’s Decree — “when I will plant people and animals in Israel and Judah, just as a farmer plants seed. And in the same way that earlier I relentlessly pulled up and tore down, took apart and demolished, so now I am sticking with them as they start over, building and planting.**

**“When that time comes you won’t hear the old proverb anymore,**

**Parents ate the green apples,  
their children got the stomachache.**

**“No, each person will pay for his own sin. You eat green apples, you’re the one who gets sick.**



**The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of Al & Judy Johnsons’s parents, Gingly & Dotty Johnson and Chris Harding.**

**Our ushers today are Steve Riley and Jim Wilkie.**

**Please join us in the Narthex for Coffee Hour and Muffins, baked for you by the children and youth.**

**“O God Our Help in Ages Past” p. 25**

1 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
fades at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
Still be our God while troubles last,  
and our eternal home!

“That’s right. The time is coming when I will make a brand-new covenant with Israel and Judah. It won’t be a repeat of the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant even though I did my part as their Master.” God’s Decree.

“This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them— write it on their hearts! — and be their God. And they will be my people. They will no longer go around setting up schools to teach each other about God. They’ll know me firsthand, the dull and the bright, the smart and the slow. I’ll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I’ll forget they ever sinned!” God’s Decree.

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

Kirk

\*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.

