

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
The Special Meeting of the church will be held
on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 11:10 a.m.
to discuss the following items:

1. Presentation and Approval of the 2024 to 2025 Temporary Operating Budget
2. Term extension of Officers, Ministry Team Chairs, and Other Positions

Bruce Weaver, Moderator

Worship Notes.

Music licenses: One License with license #A-733437,
and CCLI License #A-2267261 and Streaming
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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

Rev Thomas Bentley, Pastor
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“Trinity Sunday”

Rev. Thomas Bentley

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

May 26, 2024 10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Raden Sorli Hawk

Leader: Great is the Lord!

People: God’s greatness is beyond our understanding.

Leader: Yet God has revealed God’s self in Jesus Christ.

People: Through Jesus we have come to know the absolute love of God.

Leader: Lift up your hearts and praise the Lord!

Leader & People: May God continue to bless God’s people with peace.

AMEN.

Opening Prayer (in unison) Raden Sorli Hawk

God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us! The mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness. You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of hope and peace for all your earth. These things we pray in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison) Raden Sorli Hawk

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.

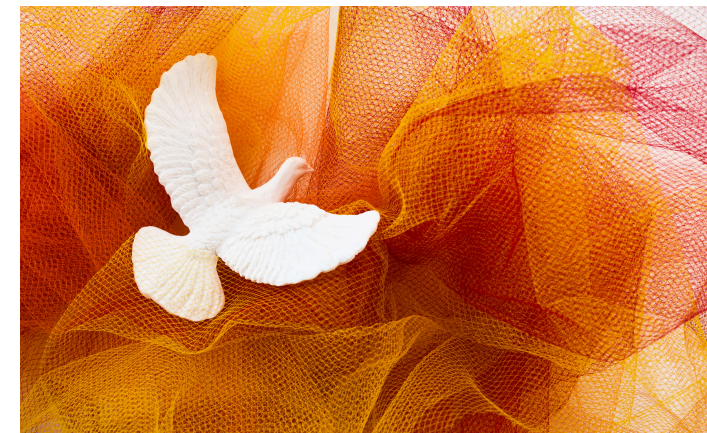
Opening Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” #277

Children’s Time

Children will be heading outside to plant flowers.

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
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Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
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**1 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**2 Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly!
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim, bow before you only,
From the beginning, God eternally.**

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Through the eyes of humankind,
your glory may not see,
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**4 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name,
in earth and sky and sea,
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Isaiah 6:1-8. The Message

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Master sitting on a throne—
high, exalted! —and the train of his robes filled the Temple. Angel-
seraphs hovered above him, each with six wings. With two wings they
covered their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew. And they
called back and forth one to the other,

Holy, Holy, Holy is God-of-the-Angel-Armies.
His bright glory fills the whole earth.

The foundations trembled at the sound of the angel voices, and then the
whole house filled with smoke. I said,

“Doom! It’s Doomsday!
I’m as good as dead!
Every word I’ve ever spoken is tainted—
blasphemous even!
And the people I live with talk the same way,
using words that corrupt and desecrate.

And here I’ve looked God in the face!
The King! God-of-the-Angel-Armies!”

Then one of the angel-seraphs flew to me. He held a live coal that he had
taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with the coal and
said,

“Look. This coal has touched your lips.
Gone your guilt,
your sins wiped out.”

And then I heard the voice of the Master:

“Whom shall I send?
Who will go for us?”

I spoke up,
“I’ll go.
Send me!”

Call to Offering

Offertory “Eternal Father Strong To Save”

*Hymn of Praise”

Praise God from whom all blessing 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

Prayer Response (sung by the choir)

Anthem “America The Beautiful” Bates

Gospel Reading Raden Sorli Hawk
John 3:1-8 *The Message*

There was a man of the Pharisee sect, Nicodemus, a prominent leader among the Jews. Late one night he visited Jesus and said, “Rabbi, we all know you’re a teacher straight from God. No one could do all the God-pointing, God-revealing acts you do if God weren’t in on it.”

Jesus said, “You’re absolutely right. Take it from me: Unless a person is born from above, it’s not possible to see what I’m pointing to—to God’s kingdom.”

“How can anyone,” said Nicodemus, “be born who has already been born and grown up? You can’t re-enter your mother’s womb and be born again. What are you saying with this ‘born-from-above’ talk?”

Jesus said, “You’re not listening. Let me say it again. Unless a person submits to this original creation—the ‘wind-hovering-over-the-water’ creation, the invisible moving the visible, a baptism into a new life—it’s

not possible to enter God’s kingdom. When you look at a baby, it’s just that: a body you can look at and touch. But the person who takes shape within is formed by something you can’t see and touch—the Spirit—and becomes a living spirit.

“So don’t be so surprised when I tell you that you have to be ‘born from above’—out of this world, so to speak. You know well enough how the wind blows this way and that. You hear it rustling through the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it’s headed next. That’s the way it is with everyone ‘born from above’ by the wind of God, the Spirit of God.”

Message: “Challenged by the Mystery”

Closing Hymn: “Spirit of the Living God” #283

Benediction: Rev. Tom Bentley

Postlude “Plein Chant de L’Agnus Dei” Couperin



Our ushers today are
Jeff Langill and Phil Fisher

Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Annmaria Pendola



Thank you to Amy Manzo, owner of Parker Florist, who donated a new silk flower altar arrangement displayed during the week, when no fresh flowers are donated on Sundays and during the summer months. We are grateful to her for this donation.

Margaret Waugh, Flower Committee