Centre Congregational Church Notice of Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting of the Church will be held today at 11:15 a.m. to discuss the following items: 1. Reports of Officers and Ministry Teams 2. Presentation and Approval of the 2024 to 2025 FY Budget 3. Election of Officers, Ministry Team Chairs, and Other Positions 4. Remembrance of Deceased Members 5. Recognition of 50 Year Members Bruce Weaver, Moderator

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"Truth to Power, Hearts to Love"

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> September 29, 2024 10:00 am

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Prelude "Elevation"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Lord.

People: Thank you. We are glad to be here.

Leader: Open your hearts today to hear God's word for you.

People: We open our spirits to receive God's healing love.

Leader: Remember that God has called you to service.

Leader & People: Lord, help us to be ready to serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Linda Ladd

Mendelssohn

Linda Ladd

Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance. Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Linda Ladd

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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	"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	#42
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Old Testament Reading

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out

"O Holy Dove of God Descending " #285

1 O holy Dove of God descending, you are the love that knows no ending,

All of our shattered dreams you're mending: Spirit, now live in me.

2 O holy Wind of God now blowing, you are the seed that God is sowing,

You are the life that starts us growing: Spirit, now live in me.

3 O holy Rain of God now falling, you make the Word of God enthralling,

You are the inner voice now calling: Spirit, now live in me.

4 O holy Flame of God now burning, you are the power of the Christ returning,

You are the answer to our yearning: Spirit, now live in me.



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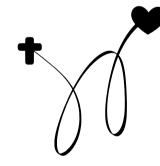
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #42

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise; The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!

2 My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

3 Jesus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!

4 Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.



If you would like to donate altar flowers, October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th are available. Please contact Margaret Waugh at mcwaugh@aol.com or 617-548-0152.



like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward..

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Children's Time

Children ages 4 and up are invited to join us for the Kid's Classroom in Room 10 with Barbara Langill and Christine Marshall.

Call to Offering

Offertory

"Seek and You Will Find"

Sleeth

*Hymn of Praise (in unison)

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

Anthem

"If You Love Me"

Sleeth

Gospel Reading Mark 9:38-42 Linda Ladd The Message

John spoke up, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to expel demons and we stopped him because he wasn't in our group."

Jesus wasn't pleased. "Don't stop him. No one can use my name to do something good and powerful, and in the next breath slam me. If he's not an enemy, he's an ally. Why, anyone by just giving you a cup of water in my name is on our side.

Count on it that God will notice.

"On the other hand, if you give one of these simple, childlike believers a hard time, bullying or taking advantage of their simple trust, you'll soon wish you hadn't. You'd be better off dropped in the middle of the lake with a millstone around your neck.

Message:	"Truth to Power, Hearts to Love"	
*Closing Hymn	"O Holy Dove of God Descending"	#285
Benediction		
Postlude	"Fughetta"	Bach

Our ushers today are Margaret Waugh and Bob MacKendrick.

Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Barbara and Jeff Langill.

The Flowers on the altar this morning are in memory of Wilber Doe on his birth date. From his daughter, Judith.

We are now offering a special space at the front of the Sanctuary to provide children an area to engage in quiet activities, while also being a part of the Worship Service. This approach allows children space to observe, participate, and experience Worship in a new way. Children are encouraged to come up to the Pray Ground at any time during Worship.

