

***I Come with Joy***

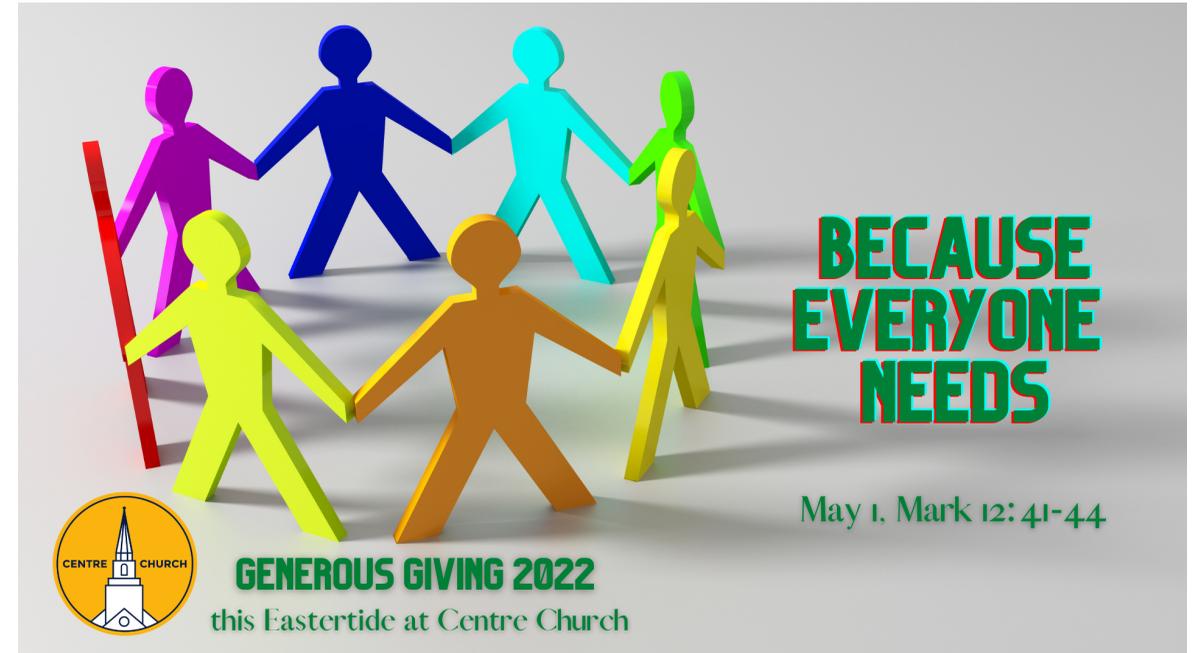
I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find as all are fed,  
Then new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

And thus we meet, and better know  
the Presence, ever near,  
And join our hearts and sing with joy  
that Christ is risen here,  
that Christ is risen here.

Together met, together bound,  
in friendship we will stay,  
And go with joy to love the world  
and live the way we pray,  
and live the way we pray.



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**10:00 AM**

**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
United Church of Christ  
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts  
**May 1, 2022**

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*"Generosity is not a competition, it is an opportunity that is available to anyone and everyone regardless of means." - Rev. Nancy*

## **WE GATHER Prelude**

*Just As I Am*

Thygerson

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **We Cross the Threshold**

*Because Everyone Needs*

#### **What Gift Can We Bring? #370 vs. 1 (Choir only)**

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

### **Calling on God**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Katherine Decker

Let us pray together:

**O God, we praise you who made heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them. You who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry; You who set the prisoners free, watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow. We give you thanks for all the ways you breathe joy and compassion into our hearts and lives. Set us on fire for your justice, your peace, your mercy, your love. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\*stand as you are able

## **Generous Giving 2022 "Because Everyone Needs"**

Through this Eastertide, we are learning, praying, and discerning our own place in this community of Christ called Centre Church. Inspired to see all living things, even the earth, as an individual who needs, let's tell our stories of giving and receiving today and in the coming weeks. On the table here in front of the sanctuary you will find people and markers. You are invited this week and in the coming weeks to take a "person" and on it write:

- the name of a person you care for  
-or-
- the name of a person who cares for you  
-or-
- a time you've given or received something really significant even though it may have seemed small  
-or-
- what it feels like to give - what do you feel in your heart, mind, body, and/or spirit when you give?  
-or-
- what it feels like to receive something when you were truly in need - what do you feel in your heart, mind, body, and/or spirit when you receive?



### **God Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

God, whose giving knows no ending from your rich and endless store,  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for serving, that your will on earth be done:  
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, honoring you by loving all.

Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;  
From the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous day.  
Then when years on earth are over and we've lived our human span,  
God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our stewardship began.



### **Opening Hymn**

*\*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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### **WE PROCLAIM**

### **Mini Message**

The Baptism of Reagan Layne Greel  
(see insert)

### **The Word in Music**

*I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry*

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### **The Gospel**

Mark 12:41-44  
Response

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L: A Word of God that is still speaking,  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

Katherine Decker

### **The Message**

"All Out Of Nothing"

Rev. Nancy

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## WE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Call to the Offering

Offertory *You Are The Bread* Schram

\*Hymn of Praise (unison) Tune: Old Hundredth

**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

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Communion Hymn *I Come With Joy* #349  
vs. 1-3

Words of Remembrance and Consecration  
Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of broken bread and shared cup, we thank you for the gifts we have received this day in your presence. Your gift of daily things through Christ that keep our hearts, minds, and spirits grounded right here in this present moment. As we contemplate what it means and feels like to be both givers and receivers, may we glimpse the Risen Christ in each other and in ourselves and know that we are worthy, we are enough, we are yours. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

\**I Come With Joy* vs. 4, 5 #349

## WE GO OUT

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Fugue in C Major* Buxtehude



Our ushers today are Steve Riley and Jeff Law.

## Worship Notes:

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## Celebration of Baptism



*Reagan Layne Greel*  
*Daughter of Erin and Dan Greel*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

(responsively)

**LEADER:** Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**PEOPLE:** **There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.**

**LEADER:** Baptism is the sacrament through which we are united with Jesus Christ, and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness and the renewal of the Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be Christ's disciples always.

**PEOPLE:** **This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members in Christ's body.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:13-16 (responsively)

**LEADER:** They were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them:

**PEOPLE:** **"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

**LEADER:** And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

### PRESENTATION OF THE WATER FOR BAPTISM

#### PROMISES OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

- Who brings this child for baptism? **Parents: We do.**
- Do you, Erin and Dan, desire to have Reagan baptized into this Christian community? **We do.**
- Will you journey with Reagan to discover the wonder of God's love? **We will.**
- Will you encourage Reagan to learn from the wisdom of the prophets; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God? **We will.**

- Will you foster for Reagan an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus? **We will.**
- Will you teach Reagan to honor and explore the faith questions that come to her throughout her life and to respect others' journeys of meaning-making? **We will.**
- Will you participate regularly with Reagan in the worship, life, support, work, and mission of the church of Jesus Christ as it serves the community and the world? **We will.**
- And do you, Carly, and Paul who stand as godparents promise to support Reagan and her parents in the promises made this day? Do you promise to nurture this child as she explores the ways of God and as she grows in faith? **Godparents: We do.**

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**LEADER:** As a sign of covenant with those baptized this day let us all join with those participating and with the church in all times and places in affirming our faith.

Do you believe in God the Source, the fountain of life? **I believe in God.**

Do you believe in Christ the Servant, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church? **I believe in Christ.**

Do you believe in the Spirit the Guide, the liberating wellspring of life? **I believe in the Spirit.**

### CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

(responsively)

**LEADER:** Jesus calls us to make disciples of others, and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. On behalf of the Christian Church in every place, do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to Reagan as she lives and grows in Christ?

**PEOPLE:** **We promise our love, support, and care.**

### BAPTISM OF REAGAN LAYNE GREEL

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day as we in this community come together in covenant with Reagan and her parents Erin and Dan. We pray that this community will have the grace to uphold the promises made here this day, so that we may provide a safe shelter of your love in which Reagan may learn and grow. Give to Reagan, her parents, and godparents, strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

#### PRESENTATIONS AND WELCOME

People of God, let us welcome Reagan into our midst, named by God and called with us to be God's servant people. Go now in peace.

**Reagan's godparents are her aunt, Carly Nangle, and her uncle, Paul LaGrandeur.**