



On Saturday, May 14 we are hosting our next Flea Market and Bake Sale from 9 am - 1 pm on the front lawn (Richards Hall in case of inclement weather). You can drop off items Mon.-Fri. after 3 pm. Items for the sale will be stored in the front foyer coat closet. Please reach out to Chuck and/or Debbie Cotting to volunteer or bake.



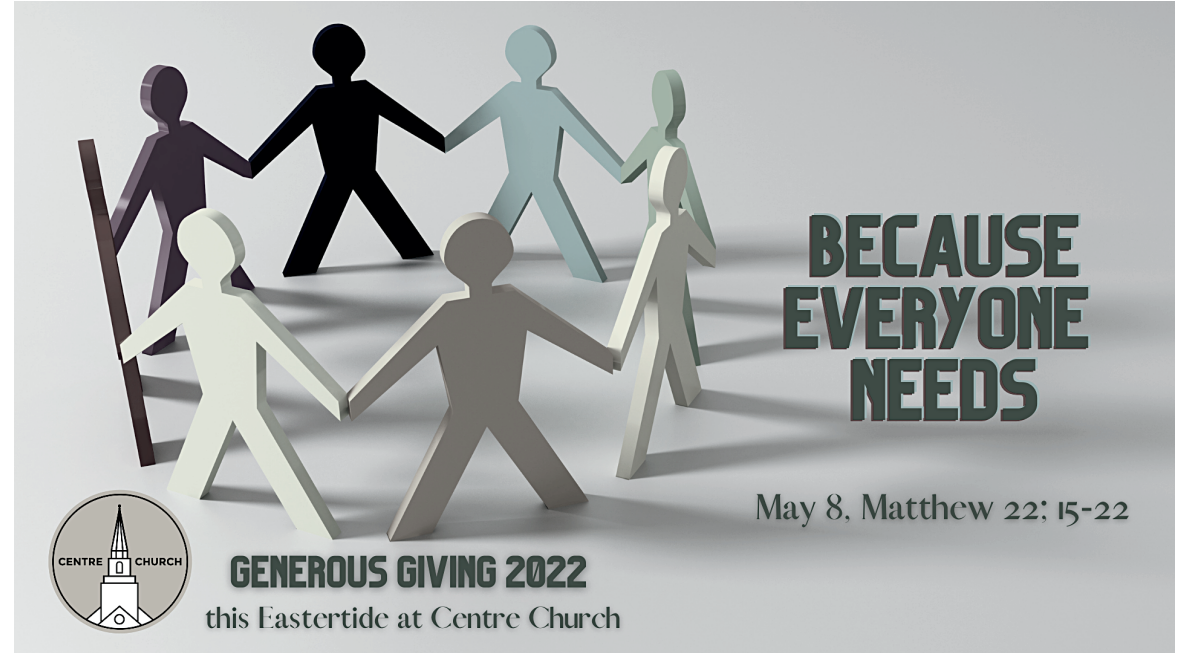
There is also a Healthy Living Expo on the Common that day from 10 am - 1 pm. See the weekly email or go to <https://ahealthylynnfield.org/about-the-expo> for more information.



Join us for lunch on the front lawn next Sunday. Bring your lunch and enjoy some fun and fellowship. We will have live music, a face painter, a balloon twister, and lawn games! Looking forward to seeing everyone!

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

**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
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 5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts  
**May 8, 2022**

*"The Earth is the Lord's and Everything In It" ~Psalm 24:1*

## **WE GATHER Prelude**

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

Wilson

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **We Cross the Threshold**

*Imagining a Third Way*

Laraine Wilson

## **What Gift Can We Bring? #370 vs. 1 & 2 (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?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,  
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

\*stand as you are able

## **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.

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
and make their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them every one.

## **We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky #563**

We can not own the sunlit sky,  
the moon, the wild flowers growing,  
for we are part of all that is  
with in life's river flowing.  
With open hands receive and share  
the gifts of God's creation  
that all may have abundant life  
in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night  
and, weary, wait for morning,  
when children have no bread but tears,  
and war-horns sound their warning,  
God calls humanity to wake,  
to join in common labor,  
that all may have abundant life  
in oneness with their neighbor.

God calls humanity to join  
as partners in creating  
a future free from want or fear,  
life's goodness celebrating.  
That new world beckons from afar,  
invites our shared endeavor,  
that all may have abundant life  
and peace endure forever.

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

This week Psalm 24 reminds us, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." When it comes to the environmental crisis, we can often feel like we are stuck between a rock and a hard place. No matter what we do, we are harming creation in some way - whether through the products we buy, the ways our recycling programs have affected other nations, or choosing where and how to shop in our culture of instant gratification. But feeling stuck is a dead end. What can help us get unstuck is reframing the question. What are my values related to the stewardship of God's creation? What are a few concrete ways I can live my values right now?

This week, you are invited to write on one of the "people" about the earth and you.

- Name one gift you receive from creation? What do you love about the earth and everything in it?  
-and/or-
- Name something you do to care for the earth.

### **Worship Notes:**

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## **Calling on God**

Opening Prayer

Linda Ladd

**Let us pray together:**

**The earth is yours, O Giver of Life, the world and all of us who live in it. We long to be your children who ascend your hill and stand in your holy place because we have cared for your earth as our sibling. May our worship this day inspire us to seek your Holy face in each other and in all that you have created. May we, together with the angels and the company of heaven, help unfold your Plan for planet Earth. In your many names we pray, Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn**

*\*All Things Bright and Beautiful.*

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### **WE PROCLAIM**

### **Mini Message**

*What Belongs to God?*

Larainne Wilson

### **The Psalter Reading**

Psalm 24

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## The Word in Music

*The 23rd Psalm*

McFerrin

## The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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Response

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## The Message

"The Earth is the Lord's and Everything in It"

Larainne Wilson

## Petitions for Creation

### 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

Linda Ladd

Offertory

\*Hymn of Praise (unison)

*Alleluia*

Arr Coates  
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

## Closing Hymn

\**We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky*

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## WE GO OUT Benediction

## Postlude

*Praise To God The Father*

Ritter



For Mothers, Mother Earth, and our Mothering God!

Our ushers today are Annmarie Pendola and Dwight Decker.

The flowers on altar this morning are given in loving memory of Al and Judy Johnson's parents, Gingy and Dotty Johnson and Chris Harding.