

Lenten Book Group

Join Rev. Lori as we enter the Passion of Jesus this Lent. This excellent series written by Massachusetts native Amy-Jill Levine has insights for all of us, regardless of our previous education or experience.

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Narthex
beginning on 3/1**

**Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room
beginning on 2/23**

Easter Basket Project

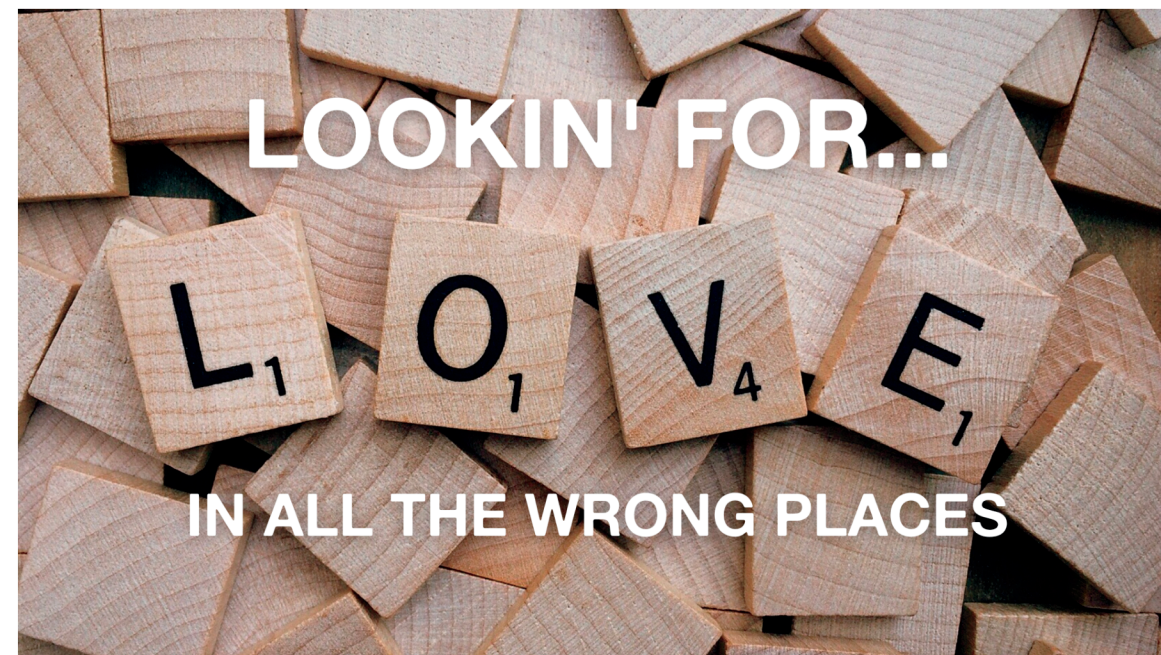


The Centre Church Easter Bunnies are gearing up to make Easter Baskets to benefit the children served by La Colaborativa. Last year, with the support of the congregation and the community, we made over 600 baskets! We are looking for donations of wrapped candy: chocolate eggs, candy kisses, chocolate bunnies, and bite-sized candy bars would all be wonderful and appreciated. We can also use Easter baskets, small toys, and small stuffed animals. The green wagon will be in the Narthex to collect your donations. **Join us to assemble Easter Baskets on Tuesday nights from 7-9 PM in Todd Hall beginning February 28 running through April 4.**

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LENT 1

"Look for the Resister"

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United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

February 26, 2023

10:00 am

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome

Threshold

Show Us How to Love

words by Lindy Thompson
music by Mark Miller

Hearts open, minds awake,
change us now for heaven's sake.
Leave us not alone in hatred's wake.
Show us how to love.
Show us how to love.
Show us how, show us how to love.

Eyes open, shocked awake,
much to learn from our mistakes.
Draw us closer in our heartache.
Show us how to love.
Show us how to love.
Show us how, show us how to love.

Confession and Assurance

Laraine Wilson

Let us pray: Holy and Merciful One, in this season of discernment we come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in the trappings of notoriety, popularity, and power that diminish others in order to gain for ourselves.

*stand as you are able

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, on earth be found,
fix in us a humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
into every troubled breast.
Let us all in you inherit,
let us find your promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all your life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
love you as your angels love,
pray, and praise for your unfailing,,
wounded arms outstretched above.**

**4 Finish, then, your new creation;
true and spotless may we prove.
Let us see your great salvation
perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
crowned as saints we ever shall be,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**



Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days

1 Lord Jesus, who through forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.

2 As you with Satan did contend,
And did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere,
in you to conquer sin.

3 And through these days of penitence,
And through this Passion-tide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death,
O Christ, with us abide.

4 Abide with us, till when this life
Of suffering is past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!

People: We yearn for lives that matter,
we desire relationships that thrive,
we want less regret.

Larainne: At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better. In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living.

Silence

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who says, "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

Let us respond together:

All: We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen!

Kyrie Eleison377

Unison A D E A

1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri -
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri -
1 O Lord, have mer - cy, O Lord, have mer - cy, O
2 O Christ, have mer - cy, O Christ, have mer - cy, O
1 O - ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, *Nan - de - ya - ra; O

F# Bm E A

e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, *Nan - de - ya - ra.

A stanza may be added by substituting "Jesu Cristo" for "Nandeyara."
WORDS: Paraguayan
MUSIC: Guarani Kyrie; harm. Carlton R. Young (1926-)

Opening Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days#211

WE PROCLAIM

Mini Message

Larainne Wilson

The First Reading

Psalm 32Dick Davis

Word in Music

Camille Hodgkins
Doug Hodgkins

Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel

Rev. Lori

Sermon

"Is the Tempter Helpful After All?"

Rev. Lori Wyckoff

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Prayers for the World
Prayers for the Community
Prayers for Our Relationships
Prayers for Ourselves

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

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.

Offering

Call to the Offering
Offertory

*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

WE GO FORTH

Announcements

Closing Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #43

Benediction

Postlude

Our ushers today are David Bjorkman and Paul Harrington.
Our Coffee Hour hosts today are Laurel and Peter Caputo.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by the Becker and Biagioni families to honor the life of Ernest Becker and to celebrate 67 years of Becker family membership in Centre Church.

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