



**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

United Church of Christ  
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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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**LENT 5**  
**"Look for the Liberator"**

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**March 26, 2023**  
**10:00 am**

**WE GATHER**  
**Prelude**

Behold The Man

Richolson

**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**

Rev. Lori

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 mirage of certainty, believing that if we just hold things very tightly, we will survive.

\*stand as you are able

**Easter Basket Project**

The fabulous team of Centre Church Easter bunnies has been hard at work. We have used the generous donations from Centre Church folks, Tower Day, and community members to assemble 352 Easter baskets and 168 Easter goody bags for the children served by La Colaborativa. We will meet again on Tuesday, March 28 to continue making baskets so there is still time to donate. We are in need of baskets, chocolate bunnies, small stuffed animals, small toys, and wrapped candy. Consumer tip: The Dollar Tree stores have a good and well-priced selection. The green wagon will be in the Narthex to collect your donations. Join us to assemble Easter Baskets on Tuesday night, March 28 from 7-9 PM in Todd Hall.



**Maundy Thursday**  
**A Service of Tenebrae**  
**and The Lord's Supper**



April 6 at 7:00 pm





*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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.

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

1 Now the green blade rises,  
from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth  
for many days has lain;  
Love lives again,  
that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like  
wheat that rises green.

2 In the grave they laid their  
love who hate had slain,  
Thinking that their Love  
would never wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain  
that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like  
wheat that rises green.

3 Christ came forth at Easter,  
like the risen grain,  
Jesus, who for three days  
in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead  
the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat  
that rises green.

4 When our hearts are wintry,  
grieving, or in pain,  
Christ's warm touch can call us  
back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that  
dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat  
that rises green.

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

Rev. Lori: 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, "In God, there is steadfast love, and the great power to redeem." 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!**

**Opening Hymn**

*\*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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**WE PROCLAIM**

**Mini Message**

**The First Reading**

Psalm 130

Jim Marshall

**Word in Music**

*He Never Failed Me Yet*

Ray

**The Gospel**

John 11:1-45

Jim Marshall

Jim: A word of God for the people of God,  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

"Unbound"

The Sermon

Rev. Lori Anne Wyckoff

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Prayers for the World

Prayers for Our Community

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

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Kirk

\*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

\*Now the Green Blade Rises

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Benediction

Postlude

Procession

Rossini

Our ushers today are David Bjorkman and Paul Harrington.

Our Coffee Hour host today is Margaret Waugh.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Karen and Paul Harrington.

Remembering my Dad, Donald Blanchard, on his birthday.

WORSHIP NOTES

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