



Pull out your pie recipes, it's time for the Great Pie Challenge! This year the Great Pie Challenge will be held on Confirmation Sunday, May 21st, after worship. Pies can be dropped off that morning. Signup sheets will be in the Narthex starting April 16th or you can contact Annmarie Pendola (617-549-9164).

#### **CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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*Unwrap: Waking Up*

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United Church of Christ  
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

**April 30, 2023**

**10:00 am**

## WE GATHER

### Prelude

*Rhosymerdre*

Jordan

### Welcome

## Questions for Metamorphosis

Larainne: In the silence of the tomb, we wondered...

**People: ...what force could be stronger than death?**

When our dreams died and our safety nets split, we wondered...

**...what do I do now?**

Stumbling through our days half-asleep, we wonder...

**...will I ever awaken from this feeling of numbness?**

When we hear resurrection stories, we wonder...

**...is there a new beginning for me too?**

Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

**"You too are my child.**

**You can emerge to renewed life.**

**Again and again."**

**Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*\*Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

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## Mini Message

\*stand as you are able

### *Because He Lives*

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal  
and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty  
grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear  
is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth  
living just because he lives

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy  
he gives; but greater still the calm assurance: this child can face  
uncertain days because he lives.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear  
is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth  
living just because he lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with  
pain; and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of  
glory and I'll know he lives.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear  
is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth  
living just because he lives.



### ***Breathe On Me, Breath of God***

**1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew  
That I may love the way you love,  
and do what you would do.**

**2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I will one will,  
to do and to endure.**

**3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
stir in me one desire:  
That every earthly part of me  
may glow with holy fire.**

**4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life  
of your eternity.**



### **Song of Preparation**

*Are Ye Able*

**"Are ye able?" Still the [Savior]  
whispers down eternity,  
and heroic spirits answer,  
"Now, as then, in Galilee."**

**Lord, we are able!  
Our spirits are Thine.  
Remold them, make us,  
like Thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance  
above us shall be  
a beacon to God,  
to love, and loyalty.**

### **Scripture Reading**

Acts 2:42-47

Steve Riley

### **Response**

Steve: The Word of God for the People of God,  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem**

*Hear My Words*

Paulus

### **Sermon**

"Day by Day"

Rev. Lori Anne Wyckoff



## WE PRAY

### Entering into Prayer

*Open Me* Kirkland and McFee

Form me... hold me... open me... unfold me... unfurl me...  
untether me... uncurl me... uncrease me... unwrap me...

### 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.**

## THE OFFERING

Call to the Offering  
Offertory  
Doxology

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Gordon

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication

## WE EMERGE INTO NEW LIFE

### Announcements

### Closing Hymn

*\*Because He Lives*

(see insert)

### Blessing and Benediction

### Postlude

*Rigaudon*

Arr. Smith

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Nancy Lauzon in memory of her parents, Sandy and Marion Walker, on their anniversary.

Our ushers this morning are David Bjorkman and Mike Rottman.

Our coffee fellowship hosts are Barbara and Jeff Langill..

### Worship Notes

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