

Join us as we watch
Season 2
of
The Chosen



Starting weekly* on Thursday, November 21st
from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
in the Pastor's Outer Office, we will begin where we left off
in Season 1 of this award winning production.

All are welcome.

Please feel free to join in,
even if this is your first time in discovering the series.
A brief time of discussion and sharing
will accompany the viewing.

To sign up please call (781) 334-3050
to leave your name with our church office –
and please feel free to leave a message.
Blessings to you on your Journey in the Spirit!

*There is no meeting on Thanksgiving or Dec. 26th

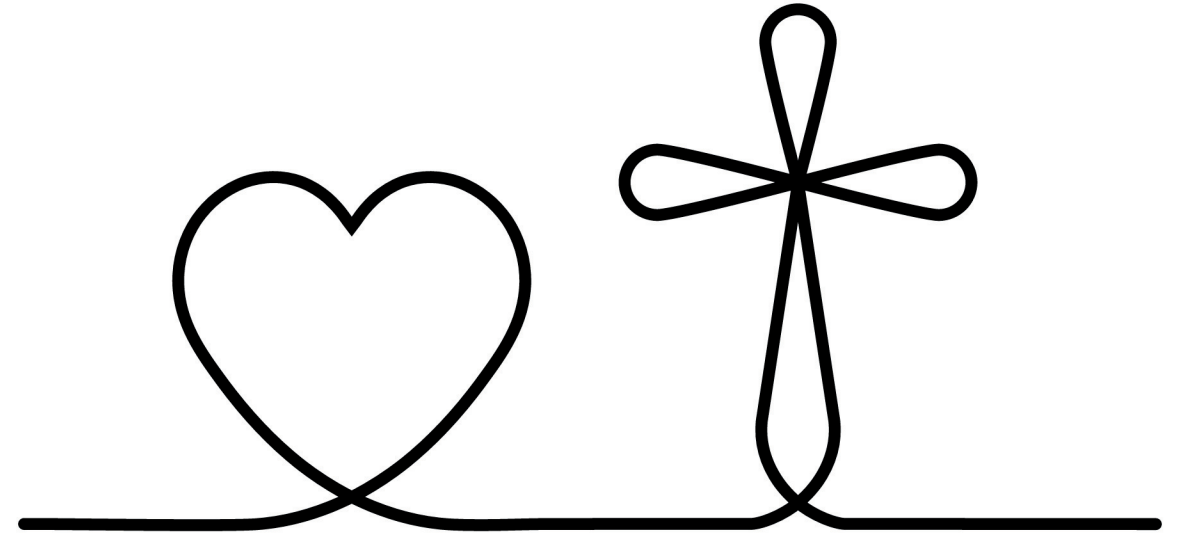
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“In Hope of God’s Miraculous Love”

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

Communion Sunday

November 3, 2024

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Phil Fisher

Leader: Come into the land of God.

People: We come seeking the land of love.

Leader: Live as the people of Christ.

People: We gather to grow as a community of love.

Leader: Follow in the ways of the Lord.

People: We move forward on the path of love.

Leader: Come, young and old, friend and foreigner, for all are welcome here.

Leader & People: We come to live and grow in the love of Christ.

Praise God for this wonderful gift!

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Phil Fisher

O God, you are our God, and we come as your people on earth. Gather us in that we remember the ties that bind us together in your love. Write your law upon our hearts, that others may find us to be generous and loving friends. Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may live in love - a love that transforms our lives even as we help to transform the lives of others.

In the hope of your miraculous love, we pray. AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)*

Phil Fisher

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.

*Opening Hymn

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

#295

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

#293

**1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

Refrain
**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.**

**2 There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know that Spirit’s fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to stay with Jesus all the way."**

Refrain

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” #295

1 I sing a song of the saints of God,
faithful their whole lives through,
who bravely labored, lived, and died
for the God they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and another a shepherd in pastures green:
they were saints of God, if you know what I mean.
God, help me to be one, too.

2 They loved their God and they lived that love.
It was loving that made them strong.
They did what was right, for Jesus' sake,
lived justly their whole lives long.
And one was a prophet, and one was a priest,
and another was slain by a fierce wild beast:
there is not earthly reason,
none in the least, why I shouldn't be one, too.

3 They lived not only in ages past,
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is filled with living saints
who choose to do God's will.
You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea,
in a church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea:
for the saints are folk like you and like me,
and I mean to be one, too. (5)

Old Testament Reading

Phil Fisher

Psalms 146

NRSV

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Children's Time

Children ages 4 and up are invited to join us for Kid's Classroom in Room 10 with Barbara Langill and Christine Marshall. The children will return to sit with their families for Communion.

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Kyrie”

Althouse

*Hymn of Praise (in unison)

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

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem “You Are the Bread” Schram

Gospel Reading Phil Fisher
Mark 12:28-34 *The Message*

One of the religion scholars came up. Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, he put in his question: “Which is most important of all the commandments?”

Jesus said, “The first in importance is, ‘Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.’ And here is the second: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ There is no other commandment that ranks with these.”

The religion scholar said, “A wonderful answer, Teacher! So clear-cut and accurate - that God is one and there is no other. And loving him with all passion and intelligence and energy, and loving others as well as you love yourself. Why, that’s better than all offerings and sacrifices put together!”

When Jesus realized how insightful he was, he said, “You’re almost there, right on the border of God’s kingdom.”

After that, no one else dared ask a question.

Message: “In Hope of God’s Miraculous Love”



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(see insert)*

*Closing Hymn “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” #293

Benediction

Postlude “Make a Joyful Noise” Ritter



Our ushers today are
Margaret Waugh, David Bjorkman,
Annmarie Pendola and Jeff Law.

Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by
Barbara and Jeff Langill.



2024 THANKSGIVING
APPLE Pie Fund Raiser
Apple, Apple Crisp and Apple Cranberry \$20.00
Sunday, November 24, 2024
A team of Centre Church folks will be making pies on:
Thurs. Nov. 21, Friday Nov. 22 and Saturday Nov. 23
for sale on:
Sunday, November 24th.

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To volunteer to help peel and core apples, make crusts or assemble
pies; please contact Chuck Cotting [chuck@thecottings.com] and
we will have sign-up sheets in the Narthex after Sunday services.

