

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

Worship Notes.

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“The Gift in Giving All of You”

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

November 10, 2024

10:00 am

Prelude "Moderato" Schumann
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Joe Tringali

Leader: What joy it is to have you here today!

People: We have come from very busy lives, filled both with joys and difficulties.

Leader: Welcome to this place in which God will ease your burdens and celebrate your joys with you.

People: We have come to find hope and peace in our lives.

Leader: Whatever has happened this week in your life, know that God is with you and offering you peace, rest and blessing.

Leader & People: Thanks be to God who accepts us as we are, and thanks for the warm welcome in this service of worship. AMEN.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*) Joe Tringale
Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day.
AMEN

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*) Joe Tringale
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 "God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command" #592

"We Would Be Building #607

**1 We would be building; temples still undone
O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift;
Waiting till love can raise the broken stone,
And hearts creative bridge the human rift;
We would be building, Architect Divine,
Reveal the shape of life in your design.**

**2 Teach us to build; upon the solid rock
We set the dream that hardens into deed,
Ribbed with fine steel both time and change to mock,
the unfailing purpose of our noblest creed.
Teach us to build; O Maker lend us sight
To see the towers gleaming in the light.**

**3 O keep us building, Savior; may our hands
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,
When to our ears there come divine commands
And all the pride of sinful will departs;
We build with you, O grant enduring worth
Until your promised realm should come on earth.**

“God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command”

#592

- 1 God of the ages, who with sure command
brought forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before your throne arise.**
- 2 Your purpose, just, envisions mortals free;
God, set our path toward human liberty.
Still be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay -
your Word our Law, your paths our chosen way.**
- 3 From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
with steadfast care be ever our defense;
Your love and faith within our hearts increase;
with bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**
- 4 Refresh your people on life’s toilsome way;
lead us from night to never ending day;
With truth and love guide us through error’s maze,
and we shall give you glory, laud, and praise.**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 127:1-2

Joe Tringale

NRSV

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives sleep to his beloved.



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.*

Call to Offering

Offertory

“The Gift of Love”

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

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Mozart

Gospel Reading
Mark 12:38-44

Joe Tringale
The Message

He continued teaching. “Watch out for the religion scholars. They love to walk around in academic gowns, preening in the radiance of public flattery, basking in prominent positions, sitting at the head table at every church function. And all the time they are exploiting the weak and helpless. The longer their prayers, the worse they get. But they’ll pay for it in the end.”

Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents.

Jesus called his disciples over and said, “The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they’ll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn’t afford—she gave her all”

Message: “The Gift in Giving All of You”

*Closing Hymn “We Would Be Building” #607

Benediction

Postlude “Little Toccata” Curtis



Our ushers today are
Raden Sorli Hawk and Jim Wilkie.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Judy Johnson in memory of her mother, Marjorie Harding, who would have celebrated her 90th birthday on November 13th.

Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by
Sy, Richard and Victoria Armistead.



*Are You Considering Church Membership Here at
Centre Congregational Church?*

We will be scheduling a new member orientation group soon, and perhaps you would like to join in. We will meet after worship service Sunday mornings two to three times for 45 minutes maximum at each session. In these gatherings we will reflect together how the spirit has brought us along in our journey to help us make this decision. We are a rich and diverse community with folks who come from many different traditions. Our time together in orientation will also help each of us better understand how a congregational church works and how it holds its membership in the United Church of Christ. Long-term members will be helping with these groups by being in attendance. Please feel encouraged to know that these groups are just a time of exploration. Some people may decide at the end to not yet become a member at Centre Church. This is quite OK. We affirm everyone’s role in our community and always rejoice with you that you are here .In the end, that can remain more than enough.

To sign up for this group, please talk to Rev. Tom (cell: 978-973-2362) or call your interest into the office (781-334-3050) at your convenience. You can leave a message if no one is able to pick up.

Peace and Blessings - Rev. Tom Bentley

