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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"Making a Chain of Gratitude and Thanksgiving"

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United Church of Christ 5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

> November 17, 2024 10:00 am

Martin

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Kamden Mauser

Leader: Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and faithfulness.

People: Our strength is in the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.

People: The rock of ages is a foundation like no other.

Leader: Hope arises, as the tools of war are broken and the weak are given

strength.

People: Hope lives when the hungry are fed and the poor are lifted up. Leader & People: God comes bringing judgment to the ends of the earth, calling us to hope and faithfulness.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Kamden Mauser

God of possibilities, fill us with your hope and faithfulness.

Listen to us as we pour out our souls before you.

Grant us the grace to be your people and to let you rule our hearts.

Live in us, that we may arise with hope and walk in love.

In the name of Jesus our Friend and Savior we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Kyle Mauser

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 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

#28

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The sharing of a common life is like to that above.

2 Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares

3 We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear, And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

"For the Beauty of the Earth" #28

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies, For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,

Refrain

3 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

4 For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude, For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,

Refrain

Old Testament Reading Psalm 93

Kamden Mauser NRSV

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Call to Offering

Offertory

"O God, My God"

Bell

*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

"Lead Us From Death to Life"

Haugen

Blessing of the Green Wagon

Hymn: "Come Ye Thankful People Come" (see insert)
The children will sing the opening verse and the congregation will join in singing verses 2-4.

Children's Time: "Making a Chain of Gratitude and Thanksgiving"

*Closing Hymn

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

#393

Benediction

Postlude "Postlude in G"

Peterson

Our ushers today are Scott Barke and Phil Fisher.

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Craig S. Richard and Albert (Skip) White by the DiFillippo and Richard families.



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Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Kathi Martin.

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

