

### **New Membership Orientation**

The first orientation meeting for prospective new church members will be held after coffee hour on the Sundays of January 26th and February 2nd in the Pastor's Outer Office. Please call the church office at 781-334-3050 if you are interested in joining us.



### ***Join the Centre Congregational Church Book Club***

Dr. Jamil Zaki's book, *Hope for Cynics: The Surprising Science of Human Goodness*, will be the basis for our discussion. Cynicism is making us sick; Stanford Psychologist Zaki has the cure—a "ray of light for dark days."

Reverend Tom Bentley and Randy Russell will guide this discussion beginning in January. The Lynnfield Library will provide copies of the book to those who are interested. Contact the office at [office@centre-church.com](mailto:office@centre-church.com) or call 781-334-3050 to register.



### **Worship Notes.**

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### **CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

United Church of Christ

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

Rev Thomas Bentley, Pastor

Douglas W. Hodgkins, Organist/Choir Director

Christina Joly, Faith Formation Children's Program Coordinator

Christine Marshall, Nursery Care Provider

Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School

Bella Travaglini, Administrative Assistant



# **“Marked as People of Light and Hope”**

*Rev. Thomas Bentley*

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

# **January 12, 2025**

# **10:00 am**

Prelude

“Andate Tranquillo”

Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tom Bentley

Call to Worship

Jeanne Bentley

Leader: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

People: When we pass through difficulties and stress.

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name.

People: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone.

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

Leader & People: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.

AMEN.

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Jeanne Bentley

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)*

Jeanne Bentley

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

“Jesus Call Us”

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New Testament Reading

Jeanne Bentley

Acts 8:14-17

*The Message*

When the apostles in Jerusalem received the report that Samaria had accepted God’s Message, they sent Peter and John down to pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. Up to this point they had only been baptized in the name of the Master Jesus; the Holy Spirit hadn’t yet fallen on them. Then the apostles laid their hands on them and they did receive the Holy Spirit.

“Go My Children with my Blessing”

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1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own,  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

2 Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you;  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.



**1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult**

**Of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day the voice still calls us,  
Saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**2 As of old, Saint Andrew heard it**

**By the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred,  
Leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

**3 Jesus calls us from the worship**

**of the treasures we adore,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, “Christian, love me more.”**

**4 In our joys and in our sorrows,**

**Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,  
“Christian, love me more than these.”**

**5 Jesus calls us! By your mercies,**

**Savior, may we hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your obedience,  
Serve and love you best of all.**

**Children’s Time**

*Following Children’s Time, Children ages 4 and up are invited to join us for Kid’s Classroom in Room 10 with Christina Joly and Christine Marshall.*



**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

**“Be Still, Look Up and Listen”**

**Patterson**

**\*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**



Gospel Reading  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jeanne Bentley  
*The Message*

The interest of the people by now was building. They were all beginning to wonder, “Could this John be the Messiah?” But John intervened: “I’m baptizing you here in the river. The main character in this drama, to whom I’m a mere stagehand, will ignite the kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He’s going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He’ll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he’ll put out with the trash to be burned.”

After all the people were baptized, Jesus was baptized. As he was praying, the sky opened up and the Holy Spirit, like a dove descending, came down on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: “You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life.”

Anthem            “Lay Your Healing Hands Upon Me”            Dilworth

Message:           “Marked as People of Light and Hope”

\*Closing Hymn   “Go My Children wit My Blessing”            #82

Benediction

Postlude           “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”            Arr. Hughes



Our ushers today are  
Raden Sorli Hawk and Kathi Martin.



Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Lisa and Jim Wilkie.



Saturday March 8th at 6 PM  
At Centre Congregational Church!  
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, MA 01940  
SAVE The DATE!  
Appetizers, Pizza, Desserts, Beverages and Coffee  
Trivia brought to you by Jason Cotting.  
We are always looking for donations of your favorite  
appetizers, desserts and beverages.  
LAST DAY to sign up is Saturday March 1st!  
For Silent Auction or Raffle donations, please contact  
Chuck Cotting @ [chuck@thecottings.com](mailto:chuck@thecottings.com)