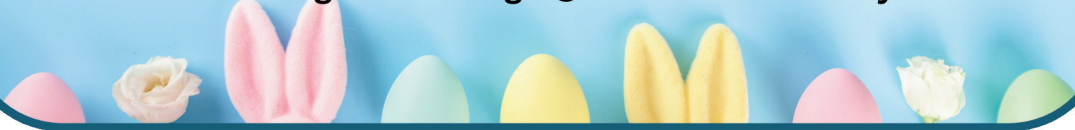


The Centre Church Easter bunnies will soon begin making Easter Baskets for the children served by La Colaborativa in Chelsea. We are looking for donations of Easter baskets, grass, individually wrapped chocolate bunnies, wrapped candy, bubbles, coloring books, crayons, or small stuffed animals. We are trying to make each basket gender neutral as well as appropriate for children ages 4 through 10. All donations are appreciated! Last year, with your help along with individuals and groups in the community, we made over 1,200 baskets and Goodie Bags! We have established a Wish List on Amazon. For more information on how you can help, please contact Barbara Langill at [ba.langill@verizon.net](mailto:ba.langill@verizon.net). Thank you!



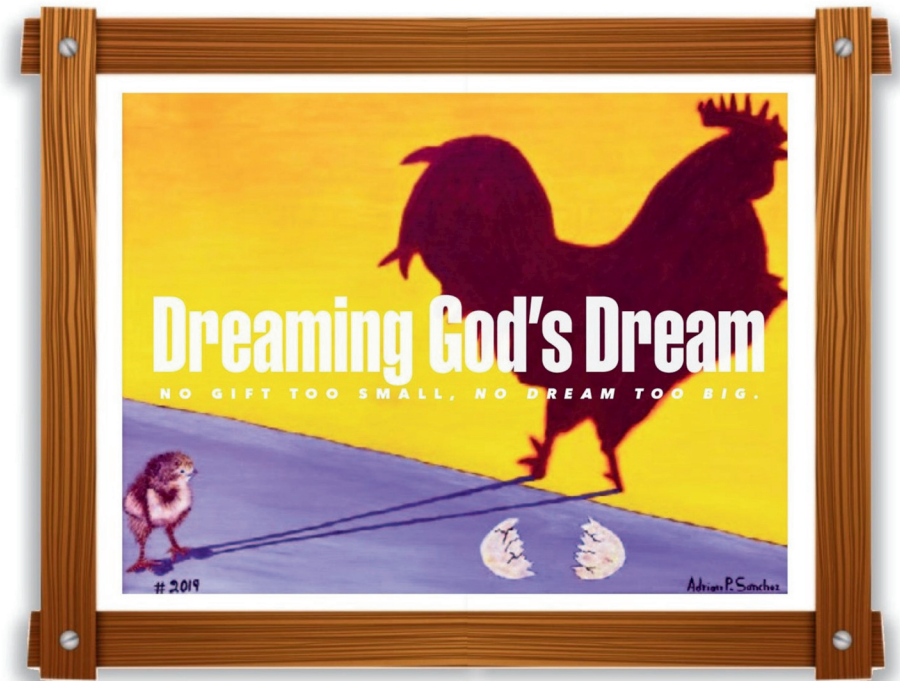
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## Feeding the 5000

CAN ONE SMALL GIFT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE AT ALL?

## “Transformers - More Than Meets the Eyes” Rev. Thomas Bentley CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ  
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

*Communion Sunday*

**March 2, 2025  
10:00 am**

Leader: Lord, you have called us up to the mountaintop.  
**People: Sometimes we feel afraid there and want to run away.**

Leader: Help us to know that your love will never harm us or lead us astray.  
**People: Calm our hearts and steady our minds that we may see clearly the vision you offer us.**

Leader: Let us all together place our trust in our Divine Creator.  
**Leader & People: Loving Savior, we come to you now and offer you our lives. AMEN.**

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Scott Barke

Loving God- We want to celebrate. We don't want to listen. We want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus and set up a festival where everyone can come and play and have a good time. We want our faith to be one of entertainment. But you have called us to "Listen to Him!" You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive us, Lord, when we are stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where this is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to you. Heal us, Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

Scott Barke

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.

**1 We have come at Christ's own bidding  
to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing  
for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance  
that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples  
for a sign both clear and plain.**

**2 Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,  
splendor bathes the flesh joined Word,  
Moses and Elijah marvel  
as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder  
how the Law and Prophets meet:  
Christ with garments drenched in brightness,  
stands transfigured and complete.**



**3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,  
fearful lest our faith decline,  
we, like Peter, find it tempting  
to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage  
to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us  
people of god we bless.**



1 Jesus, take us to the mountain  
 Where, with Peter, James and John,  
 We are dazzled by Your glory,  
 Light as blinding as the sun.  
 There prepare us for the night  
 By the vision of that sight.

2 What do you want us to see there  
 That Your close companions saw?  
 Your divinity revealed there  
 Fills us with the self-same awe.  
 Clothed in flesh like ours You go,  
 Matched to meet our deadliest foe.

3 What do You want us to hear there  
 That Your dear disciples heard?  
 Once again the voice from heaven  
 Says of the incarnate Word:  
 "Listen, listen ev'ryone;  
 This is My beloved Son!"

4 Take us to that other mountain  
 Where we see You glorified.  
 Where You shouted, "It is finished!"  
 Where for all the world You died.  
 Hear the stunned centurion:  
 "Truly this was God's own Son!"

5 We who have beheld Your glory,  
 Risen and ascended Christ,  
 Cannot help but tell the story,  
 All that we have sacrificed,  
 Say with Peter, James, and John:  
 "You are God's beloved One!"



New Testament Reading  
 2 Corinthians 4: 1-2

Scott Barke  
*NRSV*

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth, we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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. The children will return to sit with their families for Communion.*

Call to Offering

Offertory

“You Raised Me Up”

Arr. Knight

\*Hymns 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 9:28-36

Scott Barke  
*The Message*

About eight days after saying this, he climbed the mountain to pray, taking Peter, John, and James along. While he was in prayer, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became blinding white. At once two men were there talking with him. They turned out to be Moses and Elijah—and what a glorious appearance they made! They talked over his exodus; the one Jesus was about to complete in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, Peter and those with him were slumped over in sleep. When they came to, rubbing their eyes, they saw Jesus in his glory and the two men standing with him. When Moses and Elijah had left, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, this is a great moment! Let’s build three memorials one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He blurted this out without thinking.

**While he was babbling on like this, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them. As they found themselves buried in the cloud, they became deeply aware of God. Then there was a voice out of the cloud: “This is my Son, the Chosen! Listen to him.”**

**When the sound of the voice died away, they saw Jesus there alone. They were speechless. And they continued speechless, said not one thing to anyone during those days of what they had seen.**

**Anthem**                      **“Bound for Greater Things”**                      **Arr. Scott**

**Message: “Transformers- More Than Meets the Eyes” Rev. Bentley**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## INVITATION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

**Most loving and gracious God. Forgive our sins; those we commit knowingly and those we do without perception of how they hurt others. Open our hearts to your Holy Spirit to hear your truth, to understand our failure and to reach a new level of understanding. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Pastor: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Pastor: "... and so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

**Pastor: Let us unite in the words of remembrance... All: We remember and give thanks for such love and Goodness and mercy.**

## WORDS OF BLESSING

## HOLY COMMUNION

**The pastor will offer instructions as how to receive the elements, and when to eat the bread and drink the unfermented wine.**

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION (unison) Almighty God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with courage and peace rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn      “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”      #182**

**Benediction** **Rev. Tom Bentley**

<b>Postlude</b>	<b>“Fugue in F Major”</b>	<b>Troppmann</b>
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**Our ushers today are  
Margaret Waugh, Raden Sorli Hawk,  
David Bjorkman and Jim Wilkie.**

**Please join us for Coffee Hour  
hosted by Janet Everson.**