

Then Sings My Soul

A Concert for Easter

Silvia Botha, Soprano

Philip Lima, Baritone

Joe Chapman, Trumpet

Tudor Bota, Piano & Director

Sunday, April 2, 2023

3:00 PM

Freewill Offering
Reception following Concert

Central Congregational Church
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Central Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Richard B. Knight

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John A. Zachry

Director of Music/Organist: Tudor Bota

March 19, 2023

10:00 o'clock a.m.

Preludes "Think about His Love" arr. Hayes
"Thy Word" arr. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Rich

Call to Worship Liturgist Pat Vondal

* **Opening Hymn** "All Hail the Power of Jesus" Name!" #91

Unison Opening and The Lord's Prayer (*seated*)

Lord God, your love for humankind, present in the beginning of all things, extends throughout history and touches even my life. Your love sees failings and forgives. Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears. Your love knows grief, and comforts the sorrowful. Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner. Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love. Forgive us the times when we take for granted all that you have done for us. Transform us, through your Spirit, and empower us to serve you this day and all days. In the name of him who taught us to pray . . .

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.

* **Hymn of Praise** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #233 vss. 1,4

A Time for Children of All Ages

A Stewardship Moment

Cynthia Dorman

Introduction to the Offering

Pat Vondal

Offertory Anthem “Amazing Grace”

arr. Raney

Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #46

Traditional Words:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Alternative Words:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host: Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Rich

Hymn “God of Wonder”

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky;

The heavens are Your tabernacle.

Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,

You are holy, holy.

The universe declares your majesty,

You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. (*Lord of heaven and earth*)

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Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.

Pastoral Prayer

The Holy Scriptures

Luke 6:46-49

Pew Bible page 838

Philippians 2:1-11

Pew Bible page 954

Sermon

“Jesus is Lord”

Pastor Rich

Series: “Who Do You Say That I Am?”

* **Closing Hymn** “The Church’s One Foundation”

#272

* **Benediction and Threefold Amen**

#312

Postlude

“Andante”

Bach

You may stay and enjoy the postlude, or you may feel free to leave quietly.

* Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Welcome to Central Congregational Church!

Children are always welcome in our services of worship.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the Loving Arms Nursery located on the second floor.

Church School takes place during the service. Preschoolers to grade 12 participate in the first part of the service and then are dismissed to their classes. All classes conclude at 11:00 am.

Many Thanks to those who enrich our morning together.

Today's Greeters are Tim, Meghan, Ella, and Lucy Naish.

Today's Flowers are given by Judith Barnes in loving memory of her mother Eleanor Barnes.

Please consider being a greeter on Sunday morning or donating flowers to grace our Communion Table. There are many openings so sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Thank you.

Announcements

TODAY! Savory Day during Coffee Hour. Chef Jeremy Williams will be offering two tasty options: Chicken Stew and Guinness Beef Stew. Thank you for supporting SAM (CCC's Social Action and Missions Ministry) through your purchase of these "Ready-to-Heat-and-Eat" meals!

KiSeLo: We invite all women of the church to join us for our gathering on **Wednesday, March 22** at 1 pm for dessert, coffee, and tea served by our hostesses. After a brief business meeting, we will be welcoming Anna Kesablyan, a banker, assistant Vice President and financial wellness coach for Worker's Credit Union in Chelmsford. She will be speaking to issues of financial management and wellness for women. This promises to be an informative presentation. We encourage you to bring a non-perishable food item for Open Pantry – March's suggestion is canned fruit.. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lyons (978-930-6830).

KIDS' CLUB: Kids in grades Prek-4 are invited to join us for fellowship, fun, and pizza on **Wednesday, March 29** at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will collect \$5 per child at the door. Friends are always welcome! Parents are invited to stay with PreK and Kindergarten children. For 1st through 4th grade children, parents can stay or can drop off. We hope to see you there!! Please contact Samantha Shields, dakster33@gmail.com, with any questions. Please sign-up for Kids Club using the link below. <https://bit.ly/41RT249>

Monday Movie Discussion: The CCC Movie Group is open to all! Watch the movie(s) on your own, then join the group on Zoom at 7:00 pm on "Movie Mondays" to discuss. Contact Lynn Horton for the Zoom link, if you have questions, or if you have difficulty accessing the movies!

Monday, 3/27 – "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris" (2022) In 1950s London, a widowed cleaning lady falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, deciding she must have one of her own. After working to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris that will change not only her own outlook on life, but the lives of all who meet and get to know the warmhearted "Mrs. 'Arris."

CPR/AED training The AED/CPR Hands Only, Friends and Family workshop has been rescheduled to Tuesday April 4th at 4:30. There is still room in the workshop. Contact Becky Wisniewski at 978-319-0503 or Alan Wisniewski at 978-328-4784 for more information.

Our Social Action and Missions Committee is spotlighting One Great Hour Of Sharing for the month of March. The United Church of Christ continues to work to care for others and not give up! The theme this year is based on Galatians 6:9-10:

Let's not allow ourselves to get weary in doing good. At the right time, we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all...

Paul wrote these words to us to assure us that God's Spirit is working in us to care for others and not to get tired of giving and helping others. Wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and flooding have devastated communities in the United States and worldwide, making families and communities in need of food, clothing and housing. The UCC churches with local and global partners continue to provide assistance to those in need. Please use the envelope in the bulletin to make your donation. Thank you for giving and sharing your love and caring for others!

Do You Need a Ride to Church? Transportation to Sunday services and other church events is available. **Please call the Church Office at 978-256-5931 before noon on Saturday.** A church deacon will contact you and make the arrangements to drive you to the church.

Thank you to all who helped with our Sunday School Teacher Thank You breakfast, and to our wonderful teachers, helpers and families. We are so grateful for you! Sincerely, your Christian Education Committee

Deadline for April Beacon newsletter is tomorrow, Monday, March 20 with a mailing/emailing date of March 29.