

Newton Highlands Congregational Church, UCC

Morning Worship – 28 April 2024

Prelude "Spring" Concerto, movement I A. Vivaldi

Congregational Welcome Caleb Hong

The View from Our Pews Annie Ingram

Choral Introit "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" Hopson

Call to Worship Josh Hong

One Voice: Listen for the spirit of God among us reminding us that we are beloved children of God.

All: We will answer the call to be God's people and live in the ways of Jesus.

One Voice: Hear the spirit of Christ calling us, "Come and see where I am alive within the community and beyond."

All: We will answer the call to be God's people and live in the ways of Jesus.

One Voice: Hear the invitation of God to leave behind old ways and follow and live in the way of Christ.

All: We will answer the call to be God's people and live in the ways of Jesus.

*Hymn of Gathering #369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*Prayer

One Voice: God, let our children lead us today. We praise you that you provide our children with brains to think and question the world around us. We pray you would help our children learn well and flourish. May they discover their unique talents and giftings. Give them a passion for the world around them.

All: We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Assurance of Grace

*Response in Praise

**From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land,
in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

The Epistle Reading Hebrews 6:10-15

*Hymn Response #372 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Serving at Newton Food Pantry Emma Oliphant

New Testament Reading 1 John 3:18-24

"Stone Soup" Elena Bird and the Children of NHCC

Musical Presentation: "The Gospel According to Luke" Skip Ewing and Don Sampson
Rebecca Riopelle (vocalist) and Karen Sarkisian (guitarist)

The Lord's Prayer
(*Our father and mother...trespasses*)

Call to Offering
Choral Offering *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Wilberg

*Doxology
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ the word in flesh born low,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore, One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Hymn #304 *Jesus Loves Me!*

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction "Grace to You" Larson

Postlude "Spring" Concerto, movement III A. Vivaldi

Our deacon this morning will be Amanda Ketchpaw-Palés.

Welcome Rebecca Riopelle who is a Berklee College Alumnus, vocalist, and Real Estate Broker in the Greater Boston area. And welcome Karen Sarkisian who is a Berklee College Alumnus, pedal steel performer, and guitar instructor.

Thank you to our amazing teacher Megan Dillon and all the children and youth who participated in the morning worship.

What volunteer time and financial commitment can you make to NHCC in the coming year? Do your part during Stewardship 2024: Sacred Spirits, Caring Community.

You are invited after worship for coffee and treats during fellowship time. Thank you to Yoko and Rich Bryden and Sally Brickell for their gifts.

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