

# Community News



**Each year, after new members have been elected to the Congregation Council, the group identifies priorities for the year ahead;** then, at a day-long retreat in the fall, the Council works to develop strategies for addressing them. The Council established four priorities this year: responding to developments with the COVID pandemic, supporting the newly established Social Justice Committee, developing and supporting an Evangelism Committee, and improving communications.

It was determined that actions related to COVID will, of necessity, be responsive, so the council's work will be to hear what our COVID working group has to say, and take action as appropriate, and that the Social Justice Committee has their work quite well defined, leaving the council with a supporting role.

Four members have been elected to the Evangelism Committee: Dan Anderson, Patricia Bianco, Celeste Larson, and Gail Weston-Roberts. While the group has not yet convened, ideas are brewing, with an emphasis on strategies that may reach households with young folk. The focus on communication overlaps with that of evangelism, and the Council hopes that we can develop a more coherent, multi-media plan for getting the word out about the good things that happen with regularity at CLC.

**Our CLC Tech Team** has been busy learning, experimenting and developing skills during the past six weeks as we broadcast our CLC services on YouTube Live. We engaged the services of a professional broadcast engineer, Matt Ettore of Willow Pond Productions to teach and advise us. Our goal is to be able to efficiently and effectively produce a consistent product for each service.



We are grateful for the progress we've made and regret the set backs that predictably occur as we work to master the broadcast process. We especially regret the audio failure this past Sunday and expect that the sound for future services will return to a good quality level.

## CLC Transition

**Please save the date:** Pastor Rebecca's last day presiding at Worship is November 21. We will host a special service at 10 am followed by reception luncheon at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating her wonderful tenure with Christ

## Music Notes

### Tom Berryman, Music Director

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For the Offertory Music this Sunday, the CLC Choir will be singing a setting of “Holy Manna” by contemporary American composer, Michael Pesci. “Holy Manna” is a tune by William Moore (1825) from the 19th Century shape note hymnal *The Sacred Harp*.

Anne Weaver, flute and I will be playing “Cantilena” and “Allegro giocoso” from Francis Poulenc’s *Sonata for Flute and Piano* (1957) commissioned by the Library of Congress in memory of Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge and premiered by Jean Pierre Rampal. [Watch a performance by Rampal here.](#)



The hymns planned for this Sunday, Pentecost 21:

Canticle of Praise: By grace, as one, we gather here (our newly commissioned hymn from Bob Weaver and William Pasch)

Hymn of the Day: Come down, O love divine ELW 804

Offertory Hymn: Create in me a clean heart ELW 186

Communion Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love ELW 708

Sending Hymn: Rise, O church, like Christ arisen ELW 548

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## Youth Formation

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### Wonder and Wisdom returns this Sunday at

**5:00.** This intergenerational gathering—that means all ages!—incorporates a simple worship service, faith formation (aka Christian education), a meal, and fun.

Think of it as an expression of Acts 2:42: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

This week, we’ll focus on the church’s reformation, enjoy burgers (beef or vegan), and decorate pumpkins. *Whom will you invite and bring?*

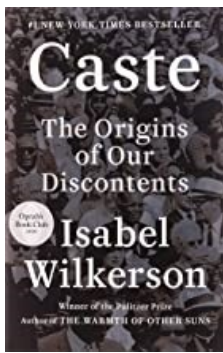
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## Adult Formation

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**In the Adult Forum this week, we’ll discuss the full-length documentary, 13<sup>th</sup>.** The Oscar-nominated and Emmy-, BAFTA- and NAACP Image-award winning film combines archival footage with testimony from activists and scholars, examining how our nation’s history of racial inequality drives the high rate of incarceration in America. *Please watch the movie before the forum on Sunday!* It’s about an hour and forty minutes long. Find it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8> (No Netflix subscription necessary.)





## CLC Book Group

Monday, Nov. 8, 7:30 pm

In *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* Isabel Wilkerson examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. Looking at the caste systems of India, Nazi Germany, and America she identifies the common characteristics found in each and points to the ways we can move beyond these divisions. A provocative, challenging read.

To join the Zoom discussion on November 8, contact [Marianne Swenson](#).

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## Call to Action

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The coalition that has been accompanying the Agbodjinou family is a remarkable witness of interfaith, collaborative ministry. God is good, and is visibly at work among us! Recently, dozens of people have responded to the call to provide rides for Hosni to and from preschool five days a week, and for Comlanvi to and from GED preparation classes two evenings a week—fourteen rides per week in all.

*There are just a few of those slots left to fill in the coming weeks* An additional opportunity is to pick up Zourfahou and the boys for worship Sunday mornings. (Comlanvi is coming quite early as part of the tech crew.) If you are able to accommodate three people, two in car seats, on a few Sunday mornings, sign up

here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45A4A82FA1FF2-sunday>

**(A bonus for you is the delightful company of one amazing woman and two enchanting little boys.)**



**Ascentria Care Alliance, our partner in social ministry in New England, will be overseeing the resettlement of some 400 Afghan evacuees in Massachusetts, and an additional 100 in New Hampshire—a daunting task. On Sunday, November 7, at 5:00 p.m.,** The Rev. Dr. Karen-Louise Walker, Vice President for Development with Ascentria and ordained Baptist minister, will be our preacher in a service of Evening

Prayer, addressing the resettlement work undertaken by Ascentria; after a simple meal, we'll have the opportunity for further discussion with her.

The service will feature music by Heinrich Schütz and Michael Praetorius. Now is the time to begin making invitations to folks who would enjoy participating.

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## Looking Ahead

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**SAVE THE DATE**

- No New Dress
- No New Shoes
- No Tie
- No Bicycletter
- No Driving... **Required**

December 4, 2021

7:00 PM



Enjoy our 2nd annual Keeping the Promise virtual concert on **December 4, 2021** from the comfort of your favorite chair. This live-streamed event will feature a variety of musicians who are coming together to share their songs and help us raise funds to support families in need across the metrowest Boston region. Listen to music from various genres, hear inspirational stories from our families, and use your phone or computer to bid on amazing auction items. Help us celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our families in 2021.

**How to Join Us:**

- Event registration and donation site will open on October 15th
- Check your email and [www.familypromisemetrowest.org/events](http://www.familypromisemetrowest.org/events) for updates and concert link
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for information about our musicians and auction items
- Invite your family and friends to join you for this evening of inspirational music and stories about our families



**evening prayer  
service  
sunday  
nov 7 2021 5pm**

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# Pray for the Afghan Sojourner

A traditional service of Evening Prayer  
Homilist: the Rev. Dr. Karen-Louise Walker  
Vice President of Development, Ascendia Care Alliance  
addresses resettlement of Afghan evacuees in New England  
dinner and discussion follows the service

-Music by Heinrich Schütz and Michael Praetorius

**On Sunday, October 31, Reformation Sunday, three young people from Christ Lutheran Church will be confirmed. Be sure to be present as Kirsten Kirleis, Henrik Stjernfeldt, and Anna Carlson offer their personal faith statements, and affirm their baptismal faith.**

It's a good day to wear something red, a sign of the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in and through us!



## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK October 17, 2021

First Reading  
***Isaiah 53:4-12***

Psalm  
***Psalms 91:9-16***

Second Reading  
***Hebrews 5:1-10***



Gospel  
**Mark 10:35-45**

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