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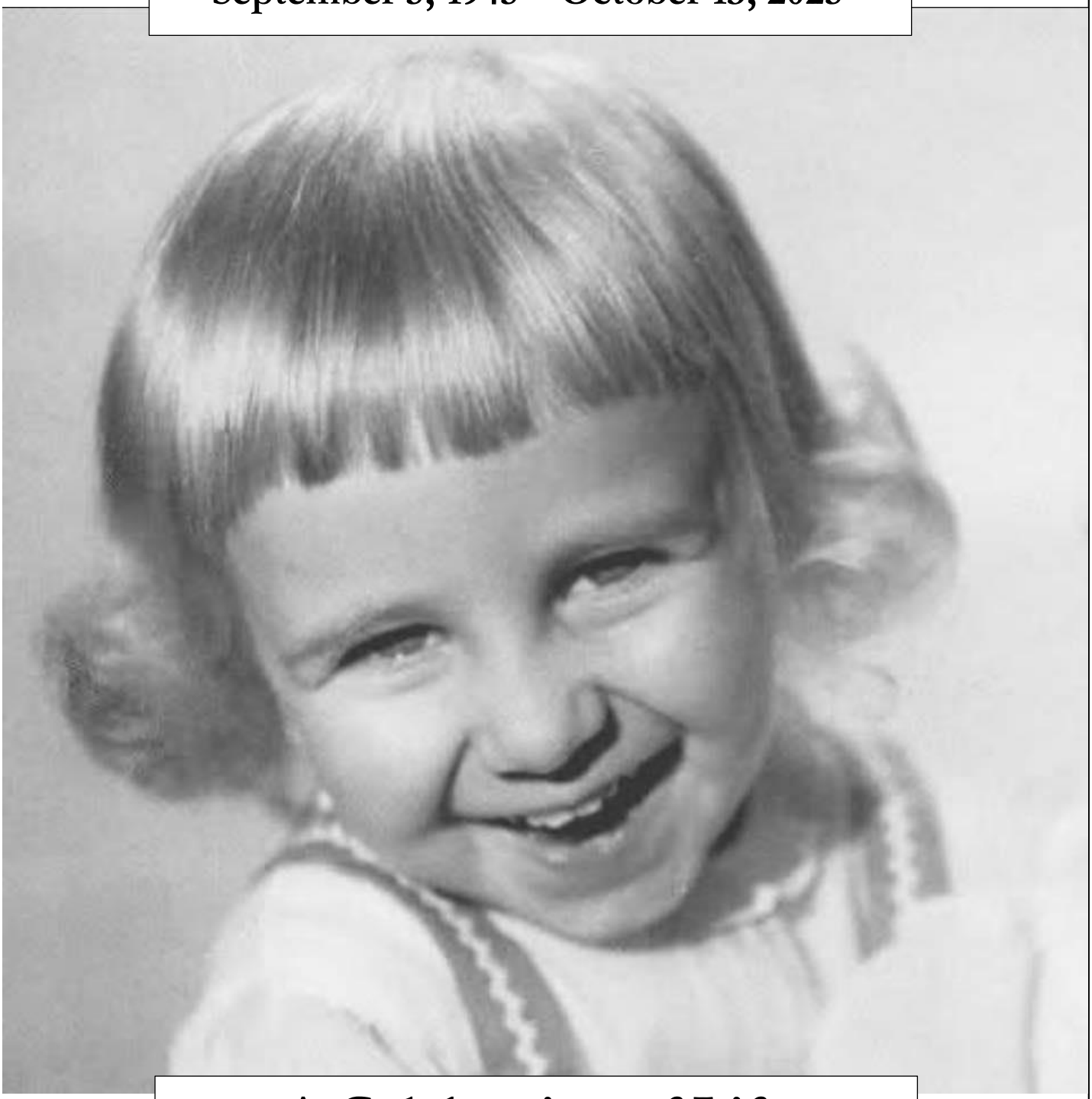

A Celebration of Life

Church of the Covenant
67 Newbury Street
Boston, Massachusetts
Sunday, October 26, 2025, 1:00 pm

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Prelude *Adoration* Florence B. Price

Welcome & Opening Prayer Rev. Rob Mark

One: Peace be with you.
Many: And also with you.

*** Call to Worship** Psalm 36

One: For with you is the fountain of life,
Many: In your light, we see light.

*** Hymn** PH (blue) 555 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices,
Who, from our parents' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Maker and to Christ and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Responsive Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9 Rev. Joshua Lawrence Lazard

One: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
Many: And God will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
God will swallow up death forever.

One: Then God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of all people will be taken away from all the earth,
for God has spoken.

Many: It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for God so that we might be saved. This is God for whom we have waited.

Remembrance Evelyn Kimber

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 40:28-31 Alicia Bull

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Holy One is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.
God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Musical Contemplation *The Ash Grove* Traditional Welsh
Anita Gram, Violin

Reading – ***Peonies*** by Mary Oliver Diane Lauber

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-16 Dan Evans

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward

is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Creator in heaven."

Shared Silence

Family Remembrance Mary Frank Cogbill

Song *I'll Fly Away*

Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away
Refrain: I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away in the morning
When I die, alleluia by and by, I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls have flown, I'll fly away. *Refrain*

O how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on our feet, I'll fly away. *Refrain*

Closing Prayer Rev. Rob Mark

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi *(in unison)*

God, make us instruments of your peace:
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Creator, grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn** NCH (black) 597 *Shall We Gather at the River*

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

As we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Charge and Benediction

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All are invited to join together in the sanctuary for a simple reception. Many thanks to the Council of the Church of the Covenant for organizing the reception to allow our Deacons to gather for their monthly ministry meeting. A special word of thanks to our Deacons for their longstanding love of and care for fellow beloved Deacon, Dorothy.

Pastors – Rev. Rob Mark and Rev. Joshua Lawrence Lazard
Minister of Music – Tom Handel
Violinist – Anita Gram
Audio Visual Tech Team – Venkatesh Balasubramanian
Ushers – Dan Evans, Holly Humphreys
Remembrances & Readings – Mary Frank Cogbill, Alicia Bull, Dan Evans, Evelyn Kimber, Diane Lauber

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In Loving Memory of Dorothy Loraine Frank

Dorothy Loraine Frank passed away on October 13, 2025, in Melrose, MA, at the age of 80. Born in Oshkosh, WI, on September 5, 1945, Dorothy moved to the Boston area in 1967, where she would leave a lasting impact through her professional and personal endeavors.

Dorothy dedicated over 50 years of her career to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), specifically in the Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, where she served as a personal secretarial support for individual professors. Her commitment to her work was paralleled by her deep faith and service. An ordained Deacon at the Church of the Covenant in Boston, she lived her faith through quiet, steadfast participation in church activities, even while undergoing cancer treatment for multiple myeloma.

Despite the seriousness of her work and her health challenges, Dorothy never lost her wry sense of humor. Her quiet competence was balanced with kindness toward neighbors and friends. When you least expected it, Dorothy could surprise you with a small gift or thoughtful comment.

A graduate of Oshkosh High School in 1963, she attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she majored in Scandinavian Studies. Dorothy was deeply connected to her Norwegian heritage. This connection was highlighted by a memorable trip to Norway after high school, where she traveled with seven family and friends, investigating their ancestral roots as they explored the coast in a VW bus.

Dorothy was known for her modesty and effectiveness, working diligently behind the scenes. Her hobbies included various crafts and needle arts, and she harbored a passion for cooking, which remained more a dream than pursuit.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Frank Cogbill of Amherst, WI; her brother, Loren Otto Frank of San Diego, CA; several cousins, and a magnificent group of friends who will miss her dearly. Dorothy was preceded in death by her father, Loren Spence Frank in 1987, and her mother, Loraine Eleanor Ellingson Frank in 1965.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Deacons Fund at Church of the Covenant, www.cotcbos.org. Her life and legacy will be remembered for her faithful service, both at M.I.T. and within her church community, enriching the lives of those around her through her dedication and quiet strength.

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Worship at Church of the Covenant is the heart and soul of our life together as a community of faith. Since 1932 we have been a federated church, maintaining membership in the United Church of Christ and the Presbyterian Church (USA) and welcoming pilgrims from all traditions to our life and work. Through our prayer and praise, in our concerns and celebrations, by word and sacrament, art and silence, we seek empowerment, together and individually, as a covenant people, for the work of Christ.

Jesus taught that the Spirit invites all people, including society's marginalized, to enjoy seats at God's table. This congregation seeks to demonstrate that vision by welcoming individuals and families without regard to race, gender identity, age, physical/mental condition, or sexual orientation. We rejoice in the presence of children among us as integral to our community. We maintain vital ties of faith with the Church of the Poor in the community of the Sweet Name of Jesus, in Northwestern Nicaragua.

We believe God's blessings are found in marriage equality for all. Thus, we joyfully welcome the opportunity afforded us by our Commonwealth and both denominations to join couples of any sexual orientation in fully legal and holy marriage.

Covenant's sanctuary resides on the ancestral and unceded lands and waterways of the Massachusett people. We lament the pain of displacement, honor the ongoing work of repair, and give thanks for all past, present and future stewards of this sacred place.

In our worship we use language and imagery that reflect the wonderful diversity of the image of God in humanity and all of creation; that transcend the exclusive language of the church's past. And as stewards, we seek to live into the Spirit's blessing as we move in solidarity on this shared and sacred, common home we call earth. We invite you to join us in the journey toward God's justice and peace for all of Boston and beyond!

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Rob Mark, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Joshua Lawrence Lazard, *Associate Pastor*
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Bill Brown, *Building Manager*
Rev. Kate Carlisle, *CYCE Coordinator*
Nancy Stockford, *Parish Administrator/Financial Secretary*
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Venkatesh Balasubramanian, *Music Composition Fellow 2025-2026*
Soyoung Cho, *Childcare Provider*

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