

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, January 17th, 2010

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 AM

Second Sunday after Epiphany

We warmly welcome all guests to today's service.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, whose steadfast love fills the universe,
rejoices in our presence here.

All: **How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

One: God breaks through the silences of our lives
and calls us by a new name.

All: **With you, O God, is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.**

One: God blesses us with varieties of spiritual gifts
and inspires us to use them well.

All: **Your righteousness is like the mountains, O God,
and your faithfulness extends to the heavens.**

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-6

MEDITATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

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REVERENT SILENCE

The moments before worship formally begins are the transition between "getting here" and "being here". It takes a few minutes of quiet to calm oneself, to quiet the inner dialogue of the mind, to become still and open to the Spirit. Though this is a personal process, through it one becomes more fully aware of participation in the Body of Christ at worship. Please consider those who wish to be in silent prayer.

PRELUDE *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* Johann Pachelbel
("How Brightly Shines the Morning Star")

About Today's Organ Prelude

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706), is widely known as the composer of the popular "Canon in D"--a mainstay at present-day weddings. Amongst musicians, his name is synonymous with the organ chorale-prelude genre--a style founded upon a sacred hymn, or chorale. The present chorale-prelude is based upon the hymn, "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (Pilgrim Hymnal # 145). As introduction, you will hear the hymn in its entirety. Then, its tune is introduced in imitative dialogue between two upper voices. Soon afterward, the hymn melody enters loudly in the bass pedals, in long tones. Such a bass-melody is referred to as the a cantus firmus, or fixed melody. The cantus-firmus remains predominant throughout, above which the two upper parts continue their imitative interplay.

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.

The McCampbell and Domos Families following the death of Michael McCampbell on Dec. 30th
Fred Volpicelli, Bob Miller, Marion Sinnott's three nephews, Patrick McGarry, Tim, our troops, those grieving, those with addictions (and those who love them) as well as all those unable to be present with us this day

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

The Gift of Love

Hopson

*Sung Response

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN NCH #539 *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You*

POSTLUDE

Prayer Concerns

Lynn Carver and Family: On the death of Lynn's father on January 9th. [Visiting hours are this afternoon from 4-7:00 at Ashley Funeral Home on Oak St. in Middleboro. The service to celebrate his life will be at North Middleboro Congregational Church on Plymouth St. in North Middleboro tomorrow morning at 11:00 AM.]

Mary Ann Janick and Family: On the death of Mary Ann's step-mother, Patricia Miller, on January 12th at Epoch/Brewster; also on the recent death of Mary Ann's sister-in-law

Florence Lown: Still recuperating at CCH following surgery

Wally Moyle: Recuperating at Pleasant Bay following a brief hospitalization

Tom Broderick: Recuperating following surgery

Jane Miller: Friend of Dick and Iona Siegel undergoing chemotherapy

Robert Daggett: Friend of Hope Cavendish, battling cancer

*Asterisks indicate where those who are able may stand.

**The Chancel Flowers are given today
By Florence Lofberg
Remembering Roger.**

**All are invited following the service to join us in the
Parish House for Coffee Hour
hosted by the Board of Christian Education and Youth**

**Our Deacons for Today's Service are
Linda Leinbach & Dot Rowe.
Our Liturgist is Louella Snell.**

QUOTES TO PONDER: *"Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time: the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence. Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."*

--Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Nobel Prize acceptance speech,
December 11, 1964. --Justice & Peace Committee

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UCC HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND will be gratefully received today as well as next Sunday. Please make checks payable to the church and write "Haitian Relief" in the memo line. We thank you in advance for your generosity!!! The Board of Missions

Last week your donations to **DOLLAR SUNDAY** resulted in a contribution of **\$96.00** to the **Hands of Hope Food Pantry**. We thank you for your continued support of all of our Mission Board projects.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets every Tuesday from 11:30a - 1:00p. We are studying Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Please join us!

MORNING PRAYER GROUP meets every Thursday from 8:30a to 9:15a, in Pastor Tom's office at Broadbrooks. All are welcome!

STEEPLE LIGHTING

**Wednesday, January 17th
In Memory of Virginia Eskola
From a Friend of the Church**

THE FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE invites all to a beef stew luncheon on **Sunday, January 24th** after the 10:30 service. A Free-will offering will be accepted. Please join us.

CORNER THRIFT SHOP will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 21st at 1:00p.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES are available in the Parish House after worship service on Sunday. Please take your box of envelopes when you are here. Thank you.

CHANCEL FLOWERS: To donate chancel flowers for January please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex bulletin board, or call Edie Ruggles at 432-2333.

THE HANDS OF HOPE Food Pantry director says: "We are heading into the time of biggest need in the food pantry. The numbers of people requesting help always grow in the winter. Whatever you can do is helpful." Here are some suggestions: soup; juice; stew; microwaveable meals; tuna; boxed potatoes; stuffing or rice mixes; and baked beans." Our dollars are used to supply fresh/frozen meat. Your Mission Board appreciates your faithful donations to the baskets in the narthex.

NEWSLETTERS: Copies of the latest *Beacon* are available in the narthex, as well as in the foyer of Broadbrooks and in the office.

STEEPLE LIGHTING: To commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one, you can support the church with a \$5.00 donation to "Light the Steeple" for one night. Forms are in the office, or you can call Gail to arrange the wording for the Bulletin.

SERMONS: All Tom's sermons are available on our website: www.firstchurchofharwich.org. "Hard copies" of recent sermons also are available in the narthex, in the folder on the bulletin board.

BEACON PRAYER LIST: Prayer cards are in the pews to add any prayer concerns or celebrations you would like posted in the monthly *Beacon* Prayer List.

FAMILY PANTRY: An important funding source for the Family Pantry is its sale of Food Certificates, which can be redeemed at Stop & Shop or Shaw/Star supermarkets at full value (the Pantry makes 5% on every purchase). Though not officially sponsored by our Missions Board, the Pantry is a valued community resource. Certificates can be purchased in the church office.

FIRST CHURCH CALENDAR JANUARY 17TH - JANUARY 23RD

Monday, January 18th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed
Tuesday, January 19th	11:30 Bible Study/PH
Thursday, January 21st	8:30a Prayer Meeting/BB 1:00p Thrift Shop/JR 4:00 Choir/ER February Beacon Deadline

Sanc = Church sanctuary; ER = Elliot Room in the Sanctuary;
BB = Broadbrooks up; JR = Janick Room; PH = Parish House

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach, Pastor

Cheryl Kain, Music Director

Margaret Carver-Schad, Music Director Emerita

Dowell Multer, Organist

Iris K. McKenney, Organist Emerita

Barbara Segall, Bell Choir Director

Joyce K. Williams, Moderator

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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 AM Communion

9:30 AM Children's Church School (except summer)

10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

We bid unqualified welcome to all who seek to know God,
and encourage full participation of all members
in the life of the First Congregational Church of Harwich,
a local congregational of the United Church of Christ.

We respect, support and lovingly encourage people of every
race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age and physical
and mental ability to join us on our journey of faith.

OUR CHURCH IDEAL

A Sanctuary of the Spirit - a Friendly fellowship -

A training school of Christian character - A center of helpful service -

A force of civil righteousness - A power for God throughout the world -

An unfailing spring of inner refreshment & strength, free to all who come.

Please turn off cell phones & pagers - Thank you

AN USHER WILL ASSIST YOU

Child Care: is available during worship service each Sunday in the
Parish House (except summer).

Light up the Night: Just as one would remember a loved one, honor a
special person or even with flowers, you can do so by "**Light the Church
Steeple.**" Forms are available in the Sunday Bulletin or Narthex.

Meditation Line: 508-430-2137 offers a daily message by our minister.
Prayer requests and confidential messages may also be left.

Please visit our web site: www.firstchurchofharwich.org

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 36

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your
judgments are like the great deep;

You save humans and animals alike, O God.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**All people may take refuge in the shadow of your
wings.**

The feast on the abundance of your house,

**And you give them drink from the river of your
delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;

In your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

And your salvation to the upright of heart!

Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me,

Or the hand of the wicked drive me away.