

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 AM

Third Sunday after Epiphany

We warmly welcome all guests to today's service.

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Creator of the universe bids us to come to worship; let us come in awe, reverence and eager anticipation.

All: **We gather in unity with other Christians, for in Christ we are one body.**

One: We come together to learn, to care for one another, and to gain strength for our common ministry.

All: **We need one another to discern God's will, and we depend on one another to carry it out.**

One: The Spirit of God is upon us, teaching and empowering. The joy of God is our strength, today and always.

All: **We open ourselves to the word of life as we lift up hands and hearts to the source of help.**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-21

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: *Soul, Adorn Thyself* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*About Today's Organ Prelude*

*Johannes Brahms wrote eleven chorale-preludes for organ. Written toward the end of his life, it has been said that some may have been composed at his deathbed. The present chorale-prelude is based upon the hymn, "Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness."*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Go Tell it On the Mountain*

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*\*HYMN NCH #459 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

How shall we come before you, O God, when we have closed our ears to your law and dismissed your ways as out of date? Yet we long for clear direction and would be attentive to the word you want us to hear. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION (in unison)

Sovereign God, we are not worthy to come before you, for we have neglected your word and resisted your law. We make and break our own standards to suit momentary whims. We deny the bonds of mutual concern and caring that link us with your whole human family. Help us hear both your warning and your good news, that we may find release from all that holds us in bondage. Free us to respond to your love. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of God is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of God is pure, enlightening the eyes; go your way, eat the fat and drink of the cup, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared. Do not be grieved, for the joy of God is your strength. Amen.

## \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### HYMN NCH #31 All Things Bright and Beautiful

(The congregation is invited to remain seated during this Hymn)

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.

Verse

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

Repeat Refrain

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 19

NCH P. 630

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:14-21

*\*HYMN NCH #465 Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way*

SERMON "The Beauty of Winter"

Rev. Thomas Leinbach

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

*Spirit Song*

Spiritual

\*Sung Response

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN NCH #606 *Nearer, My God, to You*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Cert'nly Lord*

### POSTLUDE

#### Prayer Concerns

Florence Lown: Died on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Memorial service to be held here on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Wally Moyle: Recuperating at home after illness

Mary Ann Janick and Family: On the death of Mary Ann's step-mother and sister-in-law

Lynn Carver and Family: On the death of Lynn's father, Jack

Tom Broderick: Recuperating following surgery

Jane Miller: Friend of Dick and Iona Siegel undergoing chemotherapy

Robert Daggett: Friend of Hope Cavendish, battling cancer  
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

\*Asterisks indicate where those who are able may stand.

The Chancel Flowers are given today

By Jackie Carr

In Memory of Husband Bob.

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

Dee Dee Dyer and Dick Ash.

Our Liturgist is Dick Ash.

**QUOTES TO PONDER:** *"In high school, I took Algebra and Geometry and I wanted to take Trigonometry. But I was not allowed because I was a woman."* --Eleanor Ostrum, Cal Berkeley economist known for her work on management of common resources. First woman to win the Nobel Prize in Economics, 2009.

--Justice & Peace Committee

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

**IMPORTANT REMINDER!** First Congregational Church of Harwich **Annual Meeting** will take place at 11:30 on Sunday, February 7, immediately following the church service. All members are asked to be in attendance to vote on important business affairs of the church.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY:** It's not too early to look for sales in cans of hearty soup and chowder for the **Hands of Hope Food Pantry**, for "Souper" Bowl Sunday" on **February 7**. Each year we fill a Mission Board member's car with bags of soup to help stock the pantry during the winter months.

**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

Tuesday, January 26  
In Celebration of  
our Grandson's College Graduation  
Dorothy and Phil Allfrey

**BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will not meet this Tuesday due to Florence Lown's Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. The Bible Study Group resumes next Tuesday, February 2nd, 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!

**THE FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE** invites all to a **Beef Stew Luncheon TODAY Sunday, January 24th** after the 10:30 service. A free-will offering will be accepted. Please join us.

**LBS/WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** The Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Thurs., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish House. Our program will feature Pat and Jeff Evans as "Civil War Re-Enactors." You won't want to miss THIS program! All interested are welcome to join us.

**Church Women United's "Human Rights Celebration"** will be held Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Parish Center in Centerville. Cost is \$10.00 per person and includes lunch. The theme is "Living the Challenge, Differently Enabled, Uniquely Called." Deadline for reservations is Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Call **Agnes Robbins (508-432-5537)** if you would like to attend.

The Executive Board will meet in the Parish House on Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**SAVE THE DATE**—World Day of Prayer, Fri. March 5<sup>th</sup>. This year, the Service for Harwich and Chatham will be held at the Chatham Congregational Church, 912 Main Street. More information coming on plans for this special day.

**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 the rest of 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.

**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](http://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 24<sup>TH</sup> - JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30a Friendship Beef Stew Luncheon/PH

Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> NO BIBLE STUDY  
11:00a Florence Lown's Memorial Service/Sanc  
3:00p Justice & Peace/JR

Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30a Prayer Meeting/BB  
9:30a LBS/PH  
4:00 Choir/ER

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

Frederick Volpicelli, Recording Clerk

Thomas Jahnke, Historian

Robert Buchanan, Treasurer

Gail P. Nickerson, Secretary

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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](http://www.firstchurchofharwich.org)

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 19

*(Psalm 19, continued)*

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Day to day pours forth speech,

**And night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;

**Their voice is not heard;**

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

**And their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,

**Which comes out like a beloved from a wedding canopy,  
and like an athlete runs its course with joy**

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

**And its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid  
from its heat.**

The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul;

**The decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple;**

The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart;

**The commandment of God is clear, enlightening the  
eyes;**

The fear of God is pure, enduring forever;

**The ordinances of God are true and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the  
honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned;

**In keeping them there is great reward.**

But who can detect their errors?

**Clear me from hidden faults.**

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

**Do not let them have dominion over me.**

Then I shall be blameless,

**And innocent of great transgression.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable to you,

**O God, my rock and my redeemer.**

*(Psalm 19 is continued on the next page)*