

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, January 31st, 2010

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 AM

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

We warmly welcome all guests to today's service.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, invites us into the healing presence of God, our refuge.

All: **God knew us before we were born, and summoned us to service in our youth.**

One: God, our Rock and Fortress, rescues us from injustice, cruelty and wickedness.

All: **God touches our lips and puts words in our mouths. God commands us to speak and removes our fears.**

One: God, our hope and trust, meets us where we are and leads us to times of witness and praise.

All: **God's revelation comes in unexpected places to meet our needs and direct our service.**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:21-31

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.

PIANO PRELUDE

Intermezzo

from *Cavalleria rusticana*. Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945)

About Today's Prelude

Intermezzo is the Italian term for Interlude. Instrumental *intermezzi* (plural) were frequently inserted between the Acts, or scenes, of 19th century Italian operas, to fill time and furnish diversion. *Cavalleria rusticana* (The Rustic Cavalier), a short, one-act opera, is one of the staples of the repertoire, and its *Intermezzo*, originally composed for orchestra, is widely recognized as a standard of its genre.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning*

Reginald Heber, 1811

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*HYMN PH #100 *O My Soul, Bless God, the Father*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

God of love and mercy, incline your ears to us and rescue us from all that weighs down and diminishes. Enter into communion with us, that we may hear what you command. Put your words in our mouths and your praise in our daily lives. Add to our understanding, we pray, and equip us for action. Amen.

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION (in unison)

Merciful God, we have been noisy gongs and clanging cymbals, impressed with our own knowledge and misled by childish reasoning. We have mistaken our hazy insights for your truth and have resented others for whom your love is life-changing. Forgive not only our arrogance, gracious God, but also our timidity. Equip us for true witness to your love. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God says to us, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you to deliver you." With God's help, we would leave childish ways behind. Because we are understood by God we can grow in

understanding. So faith, hope and love abide in you, love being the greatest of all God's gifts. 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

UNISON READING Isaiah 40:28-31 PH P. 542

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

*HYMN PH #477 *Founded on Thee, Our Only Lord*

SERMON "The Acute Phase"

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

Lo, A Voice To Heaven Sounding

Dmitry Bortnianski (1752 - 1825)

***Sung Response**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN PH #414** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *From The Eastern Mountains*

Godfrey Thring, 1873

POSTLUDE

Prayer Concerns

Mary Ann Janick, Lynn Carver, 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

Tom Broderick: Recuperating following surgery

Jane Miller: Friend of Dick and Iona Siegel undergoing chemotherapy

Robert Daggett: Friend of Hope Cavendish, battling cancer

Vivian O'Connell: Sister of Louella Snell battling Alzheimer's

*Asterisks indicate where those who are able may stand.

The Chancel Flowers are given today
By Martha Lent
In Memory of my Beloved Husband David.

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
Kathleen McKeen and Agnes Robbins
Our Liturgist is Phyllis Cushlanis.

QUOTES TO PONDER: "On January 1, 1804, former slaves proclaimed the independence of Saint-Domingue declaring the new nation to be named Haiti. It was the first independent nation in Latin America, the first post-colonial independent black-led nation in the world, and the only nation whose independence was gained as part of a successful slave rebellion." --Wikipedia, 2010.
--Justice & Peace Committee

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: To date, we have received \$3,063.00 in contributions to the UCC Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund! Thanks to all who've contributed so generously. Anyone still wishing to donate can make checks payable to the church and write "Haitian Relief" in the memo line. 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: NEXT SUNDAY is "Souper" Bowl Sunday when we collect cans of nourishing soup for the Hands of Hope Food Pantry. Especially needed are chowders and meat soups which provide extra nutrition during these winter months. Let's fill up a Mission Board member's car with bags for the Pantry.

STEEPLE LIGHTING

Sunday, January 31st
In Celebration of Doris Schaub's Birthday
From Shirley Montgomery

Monday, February 1st through Sunday, February 28th
The Steeple is lit throughout February
in Celebration of my Dad, George Whitehead.
He lives in heaven, but his memory remains with us.

Rick Whitehead.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY GROUP resumes on 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!

LBS/WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: The Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Thurs., Feb. 4th at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish House. Our program will feature Pat Evans as "Civil War Re-Enactor." 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. 12th 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. 8th. Call **Agnes Robbins (508-432-5537)** if you would like to attend.

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

SAVE THE DATE—World Day of Prayer, Fri. March 5th. 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.

OPEN CHOIR SUNDAY: Beginning on February 14th the Choir would like to invite the congregation to sing with us, each second Sunday of the month. Meet us in the choir loft at 9:30 on Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome. If you've been yearning to sing with us and don't want to make the Thursday commitment this is your chance. Or if you're thinking of joining the choir and want to dip your toe in the water first, this is the way to do it. Join us as we praise God, sing our hearts out and have a few laughs.

Sincerely, your Music Director, Cheryl

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 17th in the Sanctuary, preceded by a Chowder Supper in the Parish House at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for this meaningful experience.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES are available in the Parish House. Please pick up your box after church. Thank you.

CHANCEL FLOWERS: To donate chancel flowers for February, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex bulletin board, or call Louella Snell at 432-6156.

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.

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

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.

JANUARY 31ST - FEBRUARY 6TH

Tuesday, February 2 nd	11:30a Bible Study/PH
Wednesday, February 3 rd	9:30a Mission/JP 1:00p Trustees/ER
Thursday, February 4 th	8:30a Prayer Meeting/BB 1:30p LBS/PH 4:00 Choir/ER 6:00p Christian Ed/JR
Sunday, February 7 th	11:30a <u>ANNUAL MEETING</u> Souper Bowl Sunday

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

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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 unending 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

UNISON READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the
earth.

He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is
unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he
increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall
exhausted;

But they 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.