

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, February 7th, 2010

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 AM

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of God's glory.
- All: **We give you thanks, O God, with all our hearts
for your steadfast love and faithfulness.**
- One: Your name, O God, is exalted over all things,
and your word goes forth to the ends of the earth.
- All: **When we call to you, O God, you answer,
and preserve our lives in the midst of trouble**
- One: You stretch out your hand to deliver us,
and fulfill your purposes through us.
- All: **We will sing of the ways of God,
for great is the glory of God forever.**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 6:1-8

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 respect those around you who wish to be in prayer.

PRELUDE *Dialogue/Gloria from Mass for the Parishes*
François Couperin (1668-1733)

About Today's Prelude

A *Dialogue* is a conversation between two persons. Similarly, a musical dialogue is an exchange between two parts, or voices. On the organ, those voices are frequently represented by contrasting instrumental *timbres*, as heard today. In general, The *Gloria* (*Gloria in excelsis*) is the second part of the spoken or sung *Mass* (*the Catholic, Anglican, or Protestant Communion Service*). The organ mass is played, not sung, and is designed to accompany or parallel the spoken Mass.

François Couperin, Court organist for Louis XIV of France, exemplified this art form.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

There is a Balm in Gilead

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***HYMN NCH #277** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Come to us, O God, when we are discouraged and afraid. Fill us with the vision of your majesty and the reality of your care. Touch our emotions as well as our understanding, that we may walk by faith as well as by knowledge and trust in you even when the way before us is not clear. Amen.

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION (in unison)

(a moment of silence for personal confession)

Depart from us, O God, for we are sinful people. Our lips are unclean and the communities in which we dwell are full of evil. We despair that this desolate wasteland is beyond hope and our confused ways cannot be straightened. Who can save us from ourselves? Do not leave us, O God, but answer us and help us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures. Our guilt is taken away. Our sins are forgiven. Thus we know the purifying touch of burning coals on our lips and in our lives.

*Passing of the Peace

- One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

*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

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 6:1-8

SERMON "Sabbath Lessons" Rev. Thomas Leinbach

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys and Concerns
Prayer**

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Blessed Jesu

Smith

***Sung Response** *We Give Thee But Thine Own, vs. 1 only*

**We give thee but thine own,
What e'er the gift may be:
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Words of Institution

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread (partake when served to symbolize
each person's relation to Christ)

Sharing of the Cup (wait to partake until all are served to
symbolize our unity and oneness in Christ)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN** *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place*
Ken Landall, soloist

*(Please note: The congregation will sing the chorus
only, our soloist will sing the verses.)*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Go Now in Peace*
(Congregation is invited to sing along)

*Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.*

*God will be there watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen.*

Prayer Concerns

Vivian Watts: In hospice care at home (prayers & cards only)

Bob Miller: Recuperating at Epoch/Brewster

Kenneth Bordewieck: Son of Peg, recuperating after suffering a
heart attack

Shirley Montgomery, Fred Volpicelli, Mary Ann Janick, Lynn
Carver, 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

Jane Miller: Friend of Dick and Iona Siegel undergoing chemo-
therapy

Robert Daggett: Friend of Hope Cavendish, battling cancer

Vivian O'Connell: Sister of Louella Snell battling Alzheimer's
The people of Haiti (and those who are helping them)

*Asterisks indicate where those who are able may stand.

**The Chancel Flowers are given today
By Shirley Montgomery and Howard Streifford
In Memory of the Victims of the Hurricane in Haiti**

**All are invited following the service to join us in the
Parish House for Coffee Hour
hosted by the Nominating and Hospitality Committees**

**Our Deacons for Today's Service are
Agnes Robbins, Dee Dee Dyer, Bob Buchanan
and Mary Ann Janick
Our Liturgist is Fred Volpicelli**

QUOTES TO PONDER: "If the first amendment has any force, it prohibits Congress from fining or jailing citizens, or associations of citizens, for simply engaging in free speech." -Justice Anthony M. Kennedy writing for the majority in a Supreme Court decision overturning a ban on campaign spending by corporations, January 20, 2010. --Justice & Peace Committee

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: To date, we have received \$3,778.00 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 TODAY, February 7, immediately following the church service. All members are asked to be in attendance to vote on important business affairs of the church.

TODAY is "Souper" Bowl Sunday when we collect cans of nourishing soup for the Hands of Hope Food Pantry. Baskets are in the narthex for your contributions.

STEEPLE LIGHTING

**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.**

**Monday, February 8th
In Memory of Ellen Eskola
From a Friend of the Church**

**Saturday, February 13th
In Memory of our Mother, Helen Shaw
From Richard, Chris & David Shaw.**

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets every Tuesday from 11:30a to 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:

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: To 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.

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

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

SPREADING PEACE: The Deacons hope to spread peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27. If visiting from another church, we invite you to spread this reminder of peace by taking a "Visitor's Bag" that contains a Peace Candle back to your church to be used there. We hope you will also make candles available for visitors to your church or home to take with them. We are glad you were with us today in worship. We pray God will use you and your congregation to spread His love and peace to others.

A BABY CENTER: Donations for A Baby Center are needed. A Baby Center, located in Hyannis, provides children under the age of 3, whose mothers are on WIC or Mass Health, with diapers, wipes, clothing and baby furniture such as cribs, etc. The center has been helping for nine years. There is a bassinet in the Parish Hall where you may place your donations. A Baby Center can always use diapers (any size), wipes, knit sweaters, hats or blankets, plus gently used clothing and baby furniture such as bath tubs, cribs, bouncers, etc. In 2008 A Baby Center had 5431 baby visits. 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 is open year-round, serving up to 1,000 households in the mid-Cape area. First Church has been helping with donations steadily over the years, with Mission Board members delivering the food and funds weekly. Some suggestions are: juice; stew or soup; micro-waveable meals; tuna; canned pasta; boxed potatoes; rice mixes; baked beans; and for a treat, cake or brownie mix. Baskets are in the narthex for your donations.

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.

**FIRST CHURCH CALENDAR
FEBRUARY 7TH - FEBRUARY 13TH**

Sunday, February 7th 11:30a ANNUAL MEETING
Souper Bowl Sunday

Tuesday, February 9th 11:30a Bible Study/PH
3:00p Cabinet/PH

Wednesday, February 10th 12:00 noon Clergy Luncheon/PH

Thursday, February 11th 8:30a Prayer Meeting/BB
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

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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