

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, February 14th, 2010

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 AM

Last Sunday after Epiphany/
Transfiguration

We warmly welcome all guests to today's service.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: God reigns; let the people tremble!
God rules over all creation; let the earth quake.
- All: **We praise your great and awesome name!
We worship at your footstool, O holy God!**
- One: God spoke to our ancestors from the clouds
and led them by pillars of fire at night.
- All: **When we cry to you, O God, you answer
and forgive our inattention and wrongdoing.**
- One: God fills our lives with hope and anticipation
and changes them in the likeness of Christ.
- All: **We extol your name, O God of all people,
for with you there is perfect freedom.**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:28-36

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 *Introito & Intermezzo* Vincenzo Goller (b. 1873)

The present Introito (Introit) and Intermezzo are found in a rare collection of Italian organ pieces entitled Jubilemus. An organ introit (musical introduction) and intermezzo (interlude) may be in any form. Each piece heard today is in 3-part or A-B-A song form - letter A representing an initial melody/section, letter B a contrasting melody/section, and A the return of the initial melody/section. Through frequent shifts (modulations) to remote keys (keys differing from one another by more than one sharp or flat in the key signature), the composer reveals the strong influence of César Franck (1822-1890).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Jesus, The Joy of Loving Hearts*

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

Over My Head

Spiritual

*Sung Response

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN PH #391

Be Thou My Vision

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Get All Excited

POSTLUDE

Prayer Concerns

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

Bob Miller: Expected to return home from Epoch/Brewster tomorrow

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 chemotherapy

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

In Loving Memory of Waldo

By His wife Elizabeth

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

Our Deacon for Today's Service is

Lynn Carver.

Our Liturgist is Linda Leinbach

QUOTES TO PONDER: "Power is of two kinds: one is obtained by the fear of punishment, the other by acts of love. Power based on love is a thousand times more effective and permanent than one derived from fear of punishment." -Gandhi. --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

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: Many thanks for the outpouring of nourishing cans of soup for the Hands of Hope Food Pantry last Sunday. We took 109 cans of soup plus other food and \$23 in cash to help stock their shelves during these winter months.

Today is **DOLLAR SUNDAY**, a day we ask all in attendance to contribute \$1.00 to be donated to the Hands of Hope Food Pantry. We thank you for your continuing support of all our Mission Board projects.

DEACON'S RETREAT: Saturday, February 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at The Royal on Parallel St. **All present and former deacons are encouraged to attend.** Please bring a bag lunch.

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 15th through Wednesday, February 17th

**In Loving Memory of Marcia Iddles
whose 89th Birthday falls on February 16th.
Given by her daughter, Andrea (Taffy) Aldrovandi,
and sister, Iris K. McKenney.**

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!

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 **5:30 p.m.** Please join us for this meaningful experience.

OPEN CHOIR SUNDAY: Beginning TODAY the Choir would like to invite the congregation to sing with us, each second Sunday of the month. Meet us in the sanctuary 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

LBS/WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

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.

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 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-wave-able 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 14TH - FEBRUARY 20TH

Sunday, February 14 th	Dollar Sunday Open Choir Sunday 11:30a Diaconate/ER ♥ Valentine's Day
Monday, February 15 th	President's Day Office Closed
Tuesday, February 16 th	11:30a Bible Study/PH
Wednesday, February 17 th	5:30p Chowder Supper/PH 7:00p Ash Wednesday Service/Sanc
Thursday, February 18 th	8:30a Prayer Meeting/BB 1:00p Thrift Shop/JR 4:00 Choir/ER
Friday, February 19 th	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
Frederick Volpicelli, Recording Clerk
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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

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth;

It shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace;

The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

And it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign which shall not be cut off.