

VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 10, 2009
10:00 AM Service

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***All who are able please stand.**

PRELUDE- "Selected"

WELCOME and OPPORTUNITIES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP-"Make Me Like You" Owens

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us seek the Lord while he may be found. Let us call upon him while he is near. Let us return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on us; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

***HYMN-** "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" #510

***INVOCATION** (In Unison)

We are here at you invitation Lord Jesus, for you have promised that if we ask, we shall receive; that if we seek we will find; and that if we knock, we will be welcomed. In response to that invitation, we ask for an unwavering faith; we seek the answer to the puzzles of life; and we knock at Heaven's door for an assurance that you are alive and active in our world. AMEN.

THE BAPTISM OF Coltan Burke Dakin

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (In Unison)

O God, I offer you my confession in union with the merits and sufferings of Jesus Christ, my Savior; asking you to pardon all that is wrong and supply all that is wanting. Grant that what is spoken on earth will be confirmed in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE INVITATION
THE COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (In Unison)

Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

HYMN-"In Christ There Is No East or West" #137
(The Sunday School is excused to go to class on the 3rd verse)

SCRIPTURE LESSON- Nehemiah 2:17-20

But now I said to them, "You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!" Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once, "Yes, let's rebuild the wall!" So they began the good work. But when Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab heard of our plan, they scoffed contemptuously. "What are you doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" they asked. I replied, "The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall. But you have no share, legal right, or historic claim in Jerusalem."

A CAPPELLA CHOIR ANTHEM-"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Marshall
Soloist: Bob Bosma

SILENT PRAYER

Prayer List – Geryl Anderson, Mary Andrews, Sue Burns, Darcy Cassidy, John Ciampi, Anna Fijol, Pauline Guyette, Lola Harper, Ken & Lois Macomber, James Maloughney, Phil Poore, Amy Pupka, Steven Valk, Ed Witkin, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- " Selected"

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER**

Accept, O God, these tithes and offerings, and extend your blessing both to those who give and to those who receive; we ask this in Jesus name. AMEN.

MESSAGE

*BENEDICTION

Minister: God is with us

People: God is with us.

Minister: We can face whatever tomorrow might bring because we know...

People: God is with us

Minister: We can dare to stand at the foot of the cross because we know...

People: God is with us.

Minister: We can confront the realities of our own sin because we know...

People: God is with us.

Minister: Go in peace, knowing that wherever your journey leads you,

People: God is with me.

*HYMN- "Take the Name of Jesus With You"

#470

*CHORAL POSTLUDE-"My Life Is In You, Lord"

Gardner

*The congregation is invited to join in.

My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord;

My hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.

My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord;

My hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.

I will praise you with all my life, I will praise you with all of my strength;

With all of my life, with all of my strength,

All of my hope is in you. My you, it's in you, in you.

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We are honored this morning to witness the Baptism Of Coltan Burke Dakin, born May 28, 2009, the son of Jennifer and Scott.

This Week:

Monday: Diaconate 6pm, A Cappella 7pm

Tuesday: Village Bells 6:45pm

Wednesday: Chancel Choir 7pm

Thursday: Fellowship Book Club 7pm

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October 4, 2009

10:00 AM Service

