

October 18, 2009  
10:00 AM Service

We welcome you to the Village Congregational Church as we gather for this service of praise and worship. May God bless your life today.  
Nursery care is offered during the service.

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**\*-Please stand if you are able.**

PRELUDE-"Selected"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "Living for Jesus a Life That is True"  
Chisholm/Lowden

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Great and wonderful are your deeds, O Lord Almighty

**People: Just and true are your ways.**

Minister: Who will not fear and glorify your name.

**People: For you alone are holy.**

Minister: All nations shall come and worship you.

**People: For you judgments have been revealed.**

\*HYMN- "Immortal, Invisible"

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\*INVOCATION

**Holy Spirit, come and descend upon our hearts as silently as a dove descending. As brightly as a flame burns at night, Holy Spirit come to kindle new love in us. As comforting as the presence of a friend, Holy Spirit, come to abide in us, this we ask in the name of Jesus or Lord, who taught us to pray.**

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

\*HYMN OF PRAISE-"The Solid Rock" vs.1

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THE BAPTISM OF Travis James Cook and Andy Robert Cook  
(The Sunday School is excused to go to class)

SCRIPTURE LESSON – Genesis 22:1-14

Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am." "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you." The next morning Abraham

got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back." So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac turned to Abraham and said, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "We have the fire and the wood," the boy said, "but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?" "God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son," Abraham answered. And they both walked on together. When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!" "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son." Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means "the LORD will provide"). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

CHOIR ANTHEM- "Cradle Me, Lord"

Poorman/Poorman

SILENT PRAYER

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

\*DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER(In Unison)

**Lord, we consecrate to you all that we are and all that we have. Employ these gifts and us for your glory, for the welfare of your people everywhere, and for the spiritual enhancement of our own lives. AMEN**

\*HYMN-"He Touched Me"

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## MESSAGE

\*HYMN- "To God Be the Glory"

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\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

### Announcements

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of husband John F., son Mark John and parents Mary and Joseph Hebner by Marion Bosma and family.

We are honored this morning to witness the baptism of Travis and Andy Cook, children of Travis and Jennifer.

Pat Furber, Dottie Beccia and the Guyette family will be hosting coffee hour this morning.

Heather Reiter will be working in the nursery.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, Massachusetts will be held on Sunday, November 1st, 2009 at 11:15 a.m. in Mason Hall. The meeting will be convened to present the church's annual program plans, adopt a budget for 2010, receive reports of officers and committee chairpersons, and to act on any other business that may be properly presented to the meeting.

Clothing needed! Please clean out your closets and give to the Outreach Clothing Drive in time for winter. Donations go to local and global families in need. Donations can be dropped off in Mason Hall.

Adult Conversation Classes for English as a Second Language (ESL), along with skills practice, will be held for six Mondays October 19-November 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitinsville Social Library. These are free drop-in classes.

The Northbridge Association of Churches is presenting "It's a Matter of Faith: Talking About Domestic Violence in Our Churches" on Wednesday, October 28, from 7 PM – 9 PM at the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church.

### **This Week:**

Children's Choir rehearses today at 11:15 AM

Youth Group will meet today at 5 PM

Church Committee will meet Monday at 7 PM

A Cappella Choir will rehearse Monday at 7 PM

Village Bells will rehearse Tuesday at 6:45 PM

Chancel Choir will rehearse Wednesday at 7 PM

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