

REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2009
10:00 AM SERVICE

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

PRELUDE-"Selected"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "Be Still and Know"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Shake up the morning!

People: For God has given us a new covenant: knowledge carried in our hearts.

Leader: Shake up the world!

People: For God has given us a gift beyond price: justification through Christ Jesus.

Leader: Shake up the church!

People: For God has given us freedom: a permanent place in God's family.

***HYMN-** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #1

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

Have mercy on me, O God. You created me to be little lower than the angels, but I have not lived up to my potential. I have coveted ease and comfort above wisdom and growth. I have valued security more than integrity. I have preferred convenience above self-discipline. I have hidden from responsibility by blaming others. I have prized popularity and possessions more than compassion and justice. I have caused others to suffer because of my shortcomings. I know my transgressions. My sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin. Pour out your baptismal grace upon me. Grant me a new birth of freedom and hope, with the power and perseverance to become what you have created me to be. Thank you for continuing your love to me. Help me grow in love to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord who taught us to pray.

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Trespases/Trespas)

***HYMN OF PRAISE-**"The Solid Rock" vs.2 #315

SCRIPTURE LESSON – Ephesians 2:19-22

So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

CHOIR ANTHEM- "Hallejulah to the Saints" Thygerson

SILENT PRAYER

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**(In Unison)

You gave us the greatest gift of all, our Savior Jesus Christ. We ask that you accept the gifts we bring: our possessions, our time and our talents. Use them as You will for your purpose. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN-**"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" #328

GOSPEL LESSON- Matthew 7:24-27

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

MESSAGE

***A LITANY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Leader: The beginnings of faith call for seeking the Lord.

People: The beginnings of faith call for the reading of Scripture.

Leader: The beginnings of faith call for understanding the Word of God.

People: The authority of the Scripture stands on its own.

Leader: Our discussion and questions are answered there.

People: Seek the Lord in The Word.

Leader: May we Christians never fear to ask those questions.

People: May we never fear the truth of Scripture.

Leader: May we never cease proclaiming God's Word.

People: May we never cease to critically apply Scripture to our lives.

Leader: May the Holy Spirit infuse us with the living knowledge of Christ, the Word made flesh, the Way, the Truth, and the Light.

All: Amen.

*HYMN- "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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*BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, And be caring towards you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

Announcements

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Jennie Marie Guyette by her parents John and JoAnne. They are also given by Dot Gravison in loving memory of her husband Joseph, her mother Rose Wood and her brother Raymond.

Kris Froment and Ralph and Carolyn Barrows will be hosting coffee hour this morning.

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.

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

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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