

The 175th Anniversary of the Village Congregational Church

November 8, 2009

10:00 AM Service

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

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Pre Service Music- "He's Alive"
"When In Music Our God Is Glorified"

Children's Choir
arr. Sherman
The Village Bell Ringers

PRELUDE- "Pieta, Signore"

Stradella
David Stebbins- Soloist

RECOGNITION OF CHURCH MEMBERS AND GUESTS

INTROIT- "Jesus Is Lord"

Mansell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

People: Your name, O God, like your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

People: We will tell the next generation that this is our God who will be our guide forever

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN-** "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"

(Insert)

***Litany of Praise**

Leader: Today we celebrate the 175th anniversary of The Village Congregational Church.

People: Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

Leader: For 175 years God's Word has been proclaimed in this place.

People: Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

Leader: For 175 years the sacraments have been celebrated in this place.

People: Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

Leader: Countless children, parents, and grandparents have been part of the Village Church.

People: They are more than can be numbered.

Leader: Countless prayers of supplication, thanksgiving, and praise have been offered in this place.

People: They are more than can be numbered.

Leader: Countless witnesses have gone out from this church to spread the gospel in this community and throughout the world.

People: They are more than can be numbered.

Leader: All of our activities, all of our sacraments, and all of our doxologies we offer up in praise to God.

People: Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works; they are more than can be numbered.

Leader: With thanksgiving for the past, with joy in the present, and with hope for the future, we celebrate this anniversary.

People: Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works; they are more than can be numbered.

***RESPONSE-** "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Vss. 1 & 3

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BELL ANTHEM- "Anniversary Celebration"

arr. Whittaker

SCRIPTURE LESSON- Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

FESTIVAL CHOIR ANTHEM-"The Heavens Are Telling"

Haydn

Trio- Jamie Guyette, Bob Bosma, David Stebbins

SILENT PRAYER

Prayer List – Robert Adams, Geryl Anderson, Mary Andrews, Sue Burns, Darcy Cassidy, John Ciampi, Lorraine Dufault, Anna Fijol, Pauline Guyette, Lola Harper, Ken & Lois Macomber, Amy Pupka, Steven Valk, Ren Yeo, Hany, Keith.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- "Alleluia"

Thompson
The Acappella Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER** (In Unison)

Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to you love.

**With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others.
With the energy bestowed by the Holy Spirit, we seek to
inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the
work we do, and the gifts we bring, that they may be a blessing in
your sight. AMEN.**

*HYMN- "All Creatures of Our God And King" #33

TEXT- Acts 20:28

"So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders

MESSAGE

*HYMN- "We're Marching to Zion" #136

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- "Prelude In Classic Style" Young

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The Chancel flowers are given by the Chancel Choir in memory of deceased choir members. They are also given by the Village Bell Ringers in loving memory of Lucy Merritt who donated the bells to the Glory of God and for the enjoyment of the congregation.

This week in our church:

Monday: Music Committee 6pm, Parish Staff Relations Committee 7pm

Tuesday: Village Bell Ringers 6:45pm

Wednesday: Chancel Choir 7pm

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The Village Congregational Church

Whitinsville, Massachusetts

175th Anniversary 1834-2009



“ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION”

(a musical collage honoring the 175th anniversary of the
Village Congregational Church)

Arranged by
Russell C. Whittaker

The dissonant opening of “Fantasy on Hyfrydol” represents people of diverse backgrounds seeking to come together to form a Church in Christ’s name. “Hymn of Promise” is God’s promise to be there for our newly formed church and asks Him for guidance as we grow in faith in Jesus Christ. The strength of our resolve is heard in “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” and reminds us of the firm foundation of our faith. “Seasons of the Heart,” with its soft chime opening, is our reminder that we are all God’s creatures and are deeply loved by Him. We, as a church, can take that love and show compassion to those in need. The return to the opening dissonance reminds us that there is still work to be done. And as the final dissonant cluster of bells is shaken and then held, the sound is resolved into a harmony - giving us hope that love and peace will prevail in the resolution of all conflict.