

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
"You Will Reap What You Sow"
November 22, 2009
10:00 AM Service

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

PRELUDE-"Selected"
JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "Thank You, Lord"
Mr. & Mrs Seth Sykes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: Sing praise to the Lord and give thanks to God's holy name.

People: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have clothed me with joy.

Minister: Let my soul praise you and not be silent.

People: O Lord, my God, I will praise you forever.

Minister: Let us worship God.

***HYMN-** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #588

***INVOCATION** (In Unison)

Eternal God, we come rejoicing with gladness of heart, singing your praises and adoring your wondrous gifts of love. You cause the darkness of night to steal away with the dawn. You bring us promise of new life in the gift of Jesus our Savior. We arise refreshed from the rest you give and wait for your Spirit to fill us with the hope of the gospel. Hear our songs of thanksgiving as we seek to worship you in thought, word and deed. This we ask in the name of Jesus or Lord, who taught us to pray.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON – 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke." We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. All of this is for your benefit. And as God's

grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

CHOIR ANTHEM- "To Give Thanks to the Lord" Beebe
(Thanks to the members of the Children's Choir for participating with the Chancel Choir)

SILENT PRAYER

Prayer List – Geryl Anderson, Mary Andrews, Sue Burns, Darcy Cassidy, Fred Chapman, John Ciampi, Anna Fijol, Pauline Guyette, Lola Harper, Kristen Kent, Ken & Lois Macomber, Jacob Patrick, Amy Pupka, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**(In Unison)

We are grateful for life, Oh God, and all the things that make it so rich for us. Help us to discover how rich it truly is by living in daily gratitude for everything and then by sharing it with others. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

***HYMN-**"We Plow the Fields and Scatter" arr. Helman
(see the insert in the bulletin, the hymn will be accompanied by the Village Bell Ringers)

TEXT- Jonah 2:9

But I will offer sacrifices to you with songs of praise, and I will fulfill all my vows. For my salvation comes from the LORD alone."

MESSAGE

***HYMN-** " Now Thank We All Our God" #592

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

Announcements

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Edward Thomas and Margaret W. Stack and Herman and Irene Hathaway by Dan and Genie Stack.

The Scripture this morning was read by Peter Reeves-Hall.

Kevin and Melissa Figol will be hosting coffee hour this morning.

Heather Reiter will be working in the nursery this morning.

The 2010 offering envelopes have arrived. They are set up in Mason Hall. Please pick up your families' box after service. Also, pledge cards for the coming year can be found in Mason Hall. Please fill out a card for your planned giving for the coming year. Thank you.

The Village Congregational Church will be purchasing Christmas Sunday poinsettia plants again this year. The cost will be \$16 dollars a plant and we will also be accepting \$3 donations so plants can be purchased for shut-ins. Look for order forms in the bulletin on 11/29, 12/6 and 12/13. For more information, contact Marion Bosma at 508-234-5090.

If you would like to reserve a spot to buy Chancel flowers for a Sunday in 2010, please contact Marion Bosma at 508-234-5090.

Today is the delivery day for the Thanksgiving baskets. If you signed up for a basket, please take them to Mason Hall for distribution. Thank you to all who were able to help.

Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve a home-style meal for the Peace of Bread Community Kitchen on 12/9. Donations for food will also be accepted. Please see Mike Tatarek or Charlie Hill in Mason Hall after service for more information.

On Thursday, 12/3, Uno's Restaurant in Millbury will be sponsoring a "Dough Raiser" event on behalf of the NAC Food Pantry. Uno's will be donating up to 20% of your total purchase to the NAC Food Pantry with a coupon or "Dough Ticket" that can be found in inside next week's bulletin.

On Friday, November 27, the "10thGear JettRide: 3800 Miles to a Cure" documentary will be shown at the United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville, 51 Cottage Street, Whitinsville. It will be the Blackstone Valley Premier of this award winning documentary of the 2007 10thGear / JettRide. There is a reception at 6 PM with the film being shown at 7PM. This film recently won the 2009 Hollywood East Film Festival Best Feature Documentary Award.

This Week:

Children's Choir rehearses today at 11:15 AM
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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