

December 13, 2009

10:00 AM Service

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

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PRELUDE- "Selected"

## WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

Leader: I will praise you O Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

**People: With joy your will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Leader: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation.

**People: With joy your will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name; make known among the nations God's mighty deeds, proclaim that the Lord's name is exalted.

**People: With joy your will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, for God has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, great is the Holy One among you.

**People: With joy your will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF JOY

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "Holy, Holy, Holy" Howard

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps the faith forever.**

Minister: The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all the generations. Praise the Lord.**

\*HYMN- "Angels From The Realms Of Glory" #207

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

You have taught us to be patient and promised to supply our needs, O God. Yet we grow weary of waiting and grow restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on others, withholding from them the tolerance and care you have shown to us. O God, forgive our indulgence and help us to stand firm. In Christ you showed patience with the world in spite of the cross. Teach us

to be patient, that in Christ we may have endurance in spite of our need. AMEN.

## \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*RESPONSE- "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Vs. 4 #186

SCRIPTURE LESSON- Psalm 98 Harriet Forman

Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has done wonderful deeds. He has won a mighty victory by his power and holiness. The Lord has announced his victory and has revealed his righteousness to every nation! He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel. The whole earth has seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy! Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song, with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn. Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King! Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the earth and all living things join in. Let the rivers clap their hands in glee! Let the hills sing out their songs of joy before the Lord. For the Lord is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with fairness.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM- "Brightest and Best" Heeber/Sjolund

## SILENT PRAYER

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

## PASTORAL PRAYER

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER (In Unison)

**O Lord, we offer these gifts today, we also offer a prayer: that during this Advent Season the selfless spirit of Christ may become increasingly incarnate in our lives. AMEN.**

\*HYMN- "Silent Night" #189

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Luke 1:26-33

O Come All Ye Faithful #188 (first verse)

Luke 2:1-7  
O Little Town of Bethlehem #200 (first verse)

Luke 2:8-14  
The First Noel #205 (first verse)

Luke 2:15-20  
Hark the Harolds Angels Sing #191 (first verse)

Matthew 2:1-8  
We Three Kings #220 (first verse)

Matthew 2:9-12  
Joy To The World # 194 (all verses)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE- "Selected"**

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Announcements

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Edwin Aldrich and Cora Spaulding Aldrich by Elizabeth Aldrich and grandchildren.

Lisa and Scott Lukasek and the Fellowship Committee will be hosting coffee hour this morning.

Betty Smith will be working in the nursery this morning.

Two mitten trees are now set up in Mason Hall. If you have any gloves or mittens, please bring them to put on the trees.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia plant, please fill out the order form inside this bulletin and give to Marion Bosma by today. The cost is \$16 a plant and we are accepting \$3 donations so plants can be purchased for shut-ins. For more information, please contact Marion at 508-234-5090.

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

REMINDER: Church Committee is meeting tomorrow night at 7pm. The meeting is being held a week early this month so it doesn't interfere with the holiday week.

Tonight the Village Bell Ringers will be playing at the Sutton Congregational Church as part of their Christmas concert. The performance begins at 7pm, don't miss out!

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



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