

We welcome you to the Village Congregational Church as we gather for this time of reflection on God's love for his people. May God inspire and bless our hearts and lives today.

Nursery care is offered during the service.

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

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PRELUDE- "Selected"

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "Are You Washed in the Blood?"

Hoffman

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ did not come into the world to be served but to serve.

People: He is in our midst this morning as one who serves.

Leader: We celebrate our Servant Lord by worshiping God.

People: Let us sing and pray until we too have become servants.

***HYMN- "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (In Unison)

I believe in the God who has shown us great love in Jesus Christ and continues to touch our lives in places of deepest need and highest aspiration. I believe that God wants to touch the lives of all people and bring them to a sense of grace and joy, as God has done for me. Therefore I believe in evangelism as the act of sharing God's good news with others, that they too may be healthy and happy in spirit. I believe that our salvation is something we have together and not apart, so that my witness to the goodness of God is as important to my being saved as it is to my neighbor's. And I believe that the best time to begin my witnessing is today, when I remember all that the Lord has done for me. AMEN.

***HYMN OF PRAISE- "Seek Ye First"**

#615

CONFESSION OF SIN (In Unison)

I confess, O Lord that I have not loved you as I ought in the year past. My head has been filled with too many other things to think of you. Forgive me and help me to see you now. Receive me as you have received so many others and bless my life forever. AMEN.

Minister: The gift of God is repentance and forgiveness.

People: God will forgive the heart that is truly contrite.

Minister: God's mercy is everlasting, and God's goodness is forever.

People: Surely, God accepts our prayers and pardons our sins. The Divine mercy is forever! AMEN.

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE LESSON- Acts 3:1-11

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM- "Come, Let Us Reason" Medema/Curry

SILENT PRAYER

Prayer List- Geryl Anderson, Mary Andrews, Darcy Cassidy, Anna Fijol, Robert Garabedian, Penny Gustafson, Pauline Guyette, Lola Harper, Billy Hindes, Kristen Kent, Barb Knight, Ken & Lois Macomber, Brian Tetreault, Kristine Thompson, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER** (In Unison)

Great is the mercy you have shown us, O God. Great is the kingdom we have inherited in Christ Jesus. Great is the need of the world around us. Now let us respond to the mercy and the kingdom and the need with the greatest of generosity, that even our own lives will be changed in giving. Through him who loved us, ever Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

***HYMN- "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"**

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MESSAGE

*HYMN- "Take the Name of Jesus With You"

#470

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

Announcements

The Chancel Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of husband and father Roy Bell Jr. and grandparents Thys and Eva Baker by Lorraine Bell and Margie and Charles Schnurpfeil.

The pulpit flowers are given in loving memory of Marisa Przygoda by the Rheaume family.

The Village Church will be receiving new members on Sunday March 7 during the morning worship. If you would like to become a member of the church please speak to the pastor or a deacon.

A Special Congregational Meeting of the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, Massachusetts will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 11:15 am in Mason Hall. The meeting has been requested by the Finance Committee to take a Congregational vote to authorize a financial transaction. Laura Newhall - Clerk

Thanks to Kristin and Peter Reeves-Hall for hosting coffee hour this morning.

Thanks to Heather Reiter for working in the nursery this morning.

Immediately following worship service today there will be a "Get to know the Parish Staff Committee" in the Thurston Room. People who have items to raise or are interested in joining the committee are welcome to attend. At 11:30am we will hold the Parish Staff Committee Meeting, per by-laws this is not open to non-committee members.

A lively discussion on the book *The Shack* was held on January 24th. All who attended enjoyed the fellowship & light lunch. Our next discussion will be held on March 21st, shortly after worship. We will be discussing the book *The Year of Living Biblically* by A. J. Jacobs. All are welcome to join in. If you are interested please sign the yellow pad in Mason Hall & read the book prior to attending. We'd love to have you join us Please contact JoAnne Guyette with any questions.

The Annual Birthday Bash will be held on Sunday February 28th from 5pm-7pm. Both children & adults alike always enjoy this event. There is a yellow pad in Mason Hall to sign up for contributions for the potluck supper & also cake/cupcake makers as well as number of attendees from your family. We have a few surprises in store, one of which will be "name that baby", a game of matching a baby picture to the person you have grown up to be! Start looking for your baby picture now and plan to join us as we celebrate all of our birthdays together! Speak to JoAnne Guyette if you have any questions.

The Naming Wall will be updated soon. For those of you have placed an order since its last edit, your wording will appear on the wall shortly. If you would like to reserve a spot on the naming wall, please fill out and return an order form to the church office as soon as possible. Remember, ordering a space on the naming wall is a great way to honor or remember a loved one.

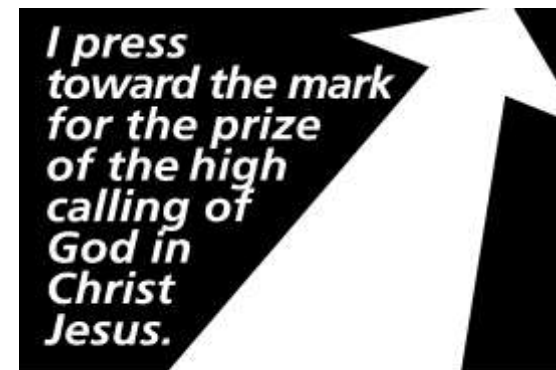
Next Saturday, February 13th, there will be mini portrait sessions held in Mason Hall to benefit Compassion International's work in Haiti. For more information talk to Briana Gardell at the coffee hour.

This Week In Our Church

A Cappella - Monday 7pm
Village Bells - Tuesday 6:45pm
CE Committee - Tuesday 7:30pm
Chancel Choir - Wednesday 7pm

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Philippians 3:14

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10 AM Service

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