

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- "Come and See" LeBlanc

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit.

People: Truly I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen.

Leader: Everyone who believes in the Son of God may not perish but have eternal life.

People: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world would be saved through him.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN- "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #70

*CONFESSION OF SIN (In Unison)

You call us to be pilgrims, to follow you in a journey of faith. We would find it easier to follow when not so much is at stake. But you promise that you will be with us and that our needs would be met. We cling to our possessions, trusting in them for security. You lead us into unfamiliar places, asking that we trust in your will. O God, your way is challenging when we choose to be complacent. You make great demands; we are anxious and uncertain. Have mercy upon us and forgive our hesitant steps toward the promise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE- "Ye Servants of God" vs. 1 #74

THE BAPTISM OF Teagan Lyn Cloutier

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE LESSON- Ephesians 6:5-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do **the will of God** with all your heart. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord

rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free.

Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for **this is God's will** for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM- "A Wind Blew Over Calvary" Sewell

SILENT PRAYER

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespass)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER (In Unison)

We bring our gifts, O God, in imitation of your many gifts to us, of life and food and shelter and friendship, and worship you for the unspeakable goodness of your spirit. Through Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*HYMN- "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" #414

TEXT- James 4:13-15

Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. What you ought to say is, "**If the Lord wills us to**, we will live and do this or that."

MESSAGE

*HYMN- "Rise Up, O Men of God!" #534

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

Announcements

The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Farrel, Dwight, Joanna and Heather Harper by Lola Harper and Dottie Kanz. They are also given in loving memory of granddaughter Skylar Thomas by grandparents Sue and Ray Adams.

We are honored this morning to witness the baptism of Teagan Lyn Cloutier, the daughter of Vicki and Phil and the sister of Maya and Bailey. Teagan was born July 24, 2008 in Milford, MA.

Congratulations to Shannan and Jon Dabelstein on the birth of their son, Cowen Wilhelm. He is 20 inches long and weighs 7 pounds 10 ounces.

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.

The Special Congregational Meeting of the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, Massachusetts will be held today, Sunday, February 21st, 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

A reminder that this Thursday, February 25th, is the deadline to submit articles for the March issue of "The Contact." Anyone is welcome to submit an article, please email them to the church office at office@vccucc.org. Thank you!

The Annual Birthday Bash will be held next Sunday, February 28th from 5pm-7pm. Both children and 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 next VCC book 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 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.

This Week In Our Church

Missions Committee- Today 9:15am
Special Semi-Annual Meeting- Today 11:15am
Children's Choir- Today 11:15am
4th-6th Grades Youth Group- Today 6pm
Church Committee- Monday 7pm
A Cappella- Monday 7pm
Village Bells- Tuesday 6:45pm
CE Committee- Tuesday 7:30pm
Chancel Choir- Wednesday 7pm

The Village Congregational Church

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



February 21, 2010

10 AM Service

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