

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- "Protector of My Soul" Barbour/Barbour

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God is our hiding place, says the psalmist.

People: A place of refuge, of retreat from the storms of life.

Leader: From all the things that are bothering us.

People: We are all hiding from something.

Leader: Or looking for something that remains hidden to us.

People: Perhaps this is the day we'll find it.

Leader: Let us worship God and see.

***HYMN- "Lead On, O King Eternal" #513**

***INVOCATION** (In Unison)

We lift our hearts to you, O God, after the rest of the night. We thank you for the beauty of the day and the opportunity of coming to this place of worship. We pray for all who are here with special needs today. May they experience your presence and feel their burdens lightened. Help us to worship you in spirit and truth, through him who came to save us. AMEN.

***HYMN OF PRAISE- "Ye Servants of God" vs. 2 #74**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE LESSON- Matthew 4:1-11; II Timothy 4:3-5

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'¹"

Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'" Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'" Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths. But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM- "Go, Congregation, Go"

Antes/arr. Dickenson

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/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER** (In Unison)

Forgive us, O God, for every time we have accepted anything from you thoughtlessly, or foolishly used it without considering your glory or the welfare of others, and enable us to present these offerings with love and sincerity, because you are our God and we are your grateful people. AMEN.

***HYMN- "In My Heart There Rings A Melody" #337**

TEXT- II Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

MESSAGE

***HYMN- "Shall We Gather at the River?" #575**

***BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE- "Selected"**

Announcements

The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of their parents and her husband Oscar by Laurel Asadoorian.

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

The Annual Birthday Bash will be held today 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.

Volunteers are needed for the Peace of Bread meal on March 17th. We need help with set up, cooking, serving and clean up. Please sign up in Mason Hall. Be prepared to wear the color green!

The VCC will be providing Easter baskets to families in need. Please support this effort to bring the good news to others. Tags and sign ups are in Mason Hall.

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.

Faith Lift, a time out for women, Saturday, March 6, from 9 to 3 at the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church. Lunch is provided. Bring slippers, blanket and comfortable attire. Call 508-883-2654 to RSVP.

Every little girl deserves a dress. A sewing group at the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church makes dresses for little girls who do not own a dress. If you know of a little girl who does not have a dress, our sewing group will make her one free of charge. Sizes 4 to 14. We will try very hard to have them ready for Easter. Call 508-234-8070.

This Week In Our Church

Children's Choir- Today 11:15am
7th-12th Grades Youth Group- Today 6pm
Diaconate- Monday 6pm
A Cappella- Monday 7pm
Village Bells- Tuesday 6:45pm
Chancel Choir- Wednesday 7pm

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT +



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10 AM Service

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