

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- "The Love of the Lord" Joncas

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Leader: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

Leader: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

***HYMN- "To God Be the Glory" #79**

***LITANY OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

Leader: For once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

People: May Jesus give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth.

Leader: Walk as children of the light as you pursue what is good, right and true.

People: May Christ give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth.

Leader: Take no part in works of darkness but try to learn what is pleasing to God.

People: May Jesus give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth.

***HYMN OF PRAISE- "Ye Servants of God" vs. 4 #74**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS- Revelation 21:1-5; Matthew 24:4-8

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."

Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM- "Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" Smith

SILENT PRAYER

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER** (In Unison)

O God, as Jesus released Lazarus from the hands of death, may our ministry give to others the promise of new life. Accept the gifts that we offer to proclaim your love. Use our talents in ways that will set others free. May the liberating truth of Christ's gospel be heard anew in this land. AMEN

***HYMN- "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand" #554**

MESSAGE

***HYMN- "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" #556**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

Announcements

The Chancel Flowers are given by the Muradian family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Oscar T. Muradian.

All are welcome to join us in Mason Hall for coffee hour following the worship service. Thanks to Jeff and Betty Smith and Dottie Beccia for hosting this morning.

Beginning this morning, the scriptures will be read by members of the Confirmation Class. The reader this morning is Scott Caffrey.

It's that time again for our annual Easter egg hunt! If you would like to help, please pick up a dozen empty plastic eggs in Mason Hall after worship service and fill them before the hunt!

Marion Bosma is now collecting money for Easter plants. Please see the insert inside this bulletin for more information.

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.

Saturday morning women's coffee time will be held on April 10th at 9am in Mason Hall. Leslie Reichert, the Cleaning Coach, will be speaking about the subject of "Greening your Cleaning." If you are interested; please sign up on the pad in Mason Hall. If you would like more information you can email Betty Smith at jejoc@mindspring.com or Wendy Berube at wberube@hotmail.com.

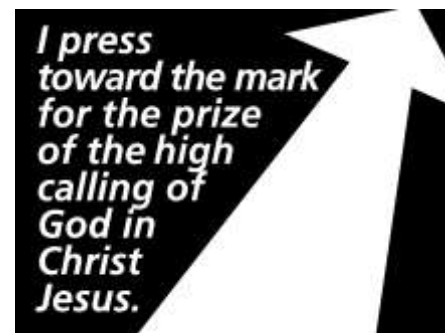
This Week In Our Church

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

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT +



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March 21, 2010

10 AM Service

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