

*All who are able please stand

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PRELUDE- "Selected"

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" Crouch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A river brings joy to the city of our God.

People: God lives in that city, it cannot be destroyed!

Leader: Come see the glorious works of the Lord.

People: God will be honored by every nation.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN- "A Mighty Fortress" #1

CONFESSION OF SIN (In Unison)

O God, I offer you my confession in union with the merits and sufferings of Jesus Christ, my Savior; asking you to pardon all that is wrong and supply all that is wanting. Grant that what is spoken on earth will be confirmed in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(The Sunday School is excused to go to class)

SCRIPTURE LESSON- Acts12: 1-9

About that time King Herod Agrippa began to persecute some believers in the church. He had the apostle James (John's brother) killed with a sword. When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish people, he also arrested Peter. (This took place during the Passover celebration. Then he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover. But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him. The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate. Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, "Quick! Get up!" And the chains fell off his wrists. Then the angel told him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." And he did. "Now put on your coat

and follow me," the angel ordered. So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn't realize it was actually happening.

CHOIR ANTHEM- "Share His Love" Reynolds

SILENT PRAYER

Prayer List- Mary Andrews, Vahness Buchanan, Charlene Burbury, Darcy Cassidy, Anna Fijol, Penny Gustafson, Pauline Guyette, Lola Harper, Billy Hinds, Kristen Kent, Ken & Lois Macomber, Karen McQuilken, Stephen Scott, Kristine Thompson, Doug Valk, Sandy Van Etten, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER (In Unison)

The cattle on a thousand hills are yours, O God, and the diamonds in a thousand mines and the oil in a thousand wells. So are the homes we live in and the land we live on and the income with which we buy our food. We thank you for what we have by sharing it with others in the world, through the work and ministry of this church and your kingdom. AMEN

*HYMN- "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" #135

MESSAGE

*HYMN- "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" #351

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

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Announcements

All are welcome to join us in Mason Hall for coffee hour following the worship service. Thanks to the Reeves-Hall family for hosting this morning.

The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of parents John and Ina Bosma and sister Christine by Bob and Barbara Bosma and Marion Bosma.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of The Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, Massachusetts will be held today at 11:15 a.m. in Mason Hall. The meeting will be convened to elect new committee members and officers, to receive 2009 financial reports, to make any necessary revisions to the 2010 budget and to act on any other business that may be properly presented to the meeting.

If you are graduating high school this year and are a member of The VCC and would like to receive the Phelon Scholarship, send an application letter to the church office. Be sure the letter includes the names of high school you are graduating from and the college you will be attending in the fall. All letters must be received in the church office by Monday, May 24th. If you have any questions contact the church office at 508-234-7901.

The Water Walk will be held on May 16th. Look for more information on the table in Mason Hall. Please consider pledging to this cause.

A planning meeting for the Vacation Bible School sponsored by the NAC will be Wednesday, May 12, at 7:00 pm at the Village Congregational Church. Dates for the VBS are July 19 - 23.

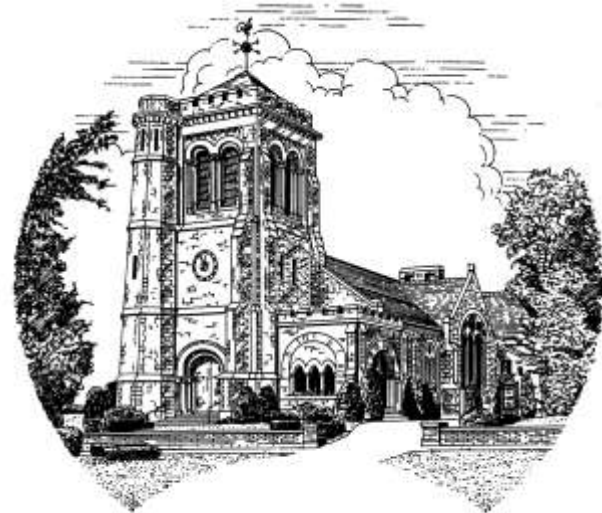
The Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church will host a free clothing swap on Saturday, May 15 from 9am to 12 noon. Any men's, women's, or children's clothing, shoes or accessories can be brought. You do not have to bring items in order to take something home. For more info, call Christine at 508-234-8131.

This Week In Our Church

Children's Choir – Today 11:15am
Semi-Annual Meeting – Today 11:15am
A Cappella – Monday 7pm
Village Bells – Tuesday 6:45pm
Chancel Choir – Wednesday 7pm

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