

Words for meditation and preparation:

“This love will open our world. From the dark side we can see the glow of something bright....Love, love, love, what more is there.” - Dave Matthews from his song “Pig”

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. William Burhans

PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Ben Pulaski

We gather here to worship in these days of autumn;
these glorious colorful days that mark the progression of our lives and the turning of seasons.
Amidst the changes that are sometimes beautiful and inspiring and at other times ugly and troubling, we come to worship a God who is our constant refuge.
In a world that often feels precarious these days, we come to worship a God who is spectacularly steadfast.
In a world that seems marked by division and distrust, we worship a God who has created us to be one people and to put our trust in the one God.
Let us lift our voices in song and prayer in this hour so that we may make of our lives a song and a prayer to the living God.
Amen

*OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

red-covered Pilgrim Hymnal 15

GATHERING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

**Creator of all worlds, who has made us in your own image, help us to see your goodness in all things and in all people.
May confidence that you live in us develop our capacity to nurture one another, to grow in faith, to serve with love
and to welcome all people into your presence with joy!
We pray in the name of Jesus:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE

The Gloria Patri

PH 513

(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)

**Glory be to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
World without end, amen, amen.**

*OFFER ONE ANOTHER A SIGN OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR THE YOUNG

Ben

*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

red-covered Pilgrim Hymnal 38

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Offering Testimony

Laurie Roby

Offertory Anthem

“My Song Shall Be Alway Thy Mercy”

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)

from *Hymn of Praise*, Opus 52 [1840]

My song shall be alway thy mercy, singing thy praise, thou only God.
I wander in night, and foulest darkness,
and mine enemies stand threat’ning around.
Yet call’d I upon the name of the Lord,
and He redeemed me with watchful goodness.
Singing Thy praise, O God. Thy praise, O God.

Susan K. Navien, soprano

Peter Owens, tenor

*Doxology

(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above you heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 113

Laura Bailey

Praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD, you his servants, praise the name of the LORD.
Let the name of the LORD be praised both now and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is exalted over all the nations his glory above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people. He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children
Praise the LORD.

Matthew 5:43-45
“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.
He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Sandbridge" by Rev. Will Burhans; duet with Naomi Burhans
Forge a way with me where there seems to be none,
There's the sun rising over the sea.
All the shadows cast, by the night's imagination,
Will disappear as the day begin to be.

At the ocean's watch, there's no need for explanation
Let yourself be carried through, the water is cold.
You will see that land once you push from the shoreline
It'll lighten the body and warm the soul.

All is blue, you'll be seen through, to where every thing is new, all is blue.

We'll wait there for you, no need to keep us in your mind
The heart contains the bonds that hold us true.
But keep that picture framed and don't you fear or fail to love
Cause love will forge the way and see you through.

SERVICE OF PRAYER

(Morning Prayers, silent and spoken)

Rev. Will

*CLOSING HYMN

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright
red-covered Pilgrim Hymnal 39

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION (remain standing please)

Rev. Will

POSTLUDE

PH indicates Pilgrim Hymnal (red) NCH indicates New Century Hymnal (black)
*Those who are able please stand
Head-sets for the hearing impaired & large print bulletins available from the deacons
We encourage you to use name tags available in the vestibule.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Thomas C. Sanders, given by Lucy Sanders and Arthur Cobb.

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*"A Christ-centered, nurturing community:
Growing in faith, Serving in love,
Welcoming all with joy."*



October 25, 2015

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC: This morning, with both Jane and Jeffrey away, we welcome Louise Mundinger, Guest Organist.

WE'RE IN FOR A TREAT THIS MONTH at the Purpose Forum: our new Pastor, Rev. Will Burhans, will be leading us in some creative thinking about how to be more outward-facing. We know that vibrant churches turn their gaze outward toward their neighbors. Come find out what Pastor Will recommends to live into our purpose of "welcoming all with joy." Check it out! **Oct 28, 7:30pm Palmer Room All Are Welcome!!**



STEP OUT IN FAITH: Fall Visitation Sunday. Sunday, November 1, 2015 @ 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Join Rev Judy Arnold and Health Minister Kathleen Zagata for an afternoon visit with parishioners. Rev Judy will provide a reflection on prayer as we enjoy a light lunch in the Tucker Room. Visitation to members at home and/or local care facilities will be prearranged from 12:45 - 1:45 PM. We welcome Families, Individual Members, Deacons, Life Deacons, Flower Committee members to step out in faith for a time of fellowship. So visits can be prearranged, **please RSVP by Tuesday, 10/27** Contact: Rev Judy Arnold ext: 110 or Kathleen Zagata ext 106.

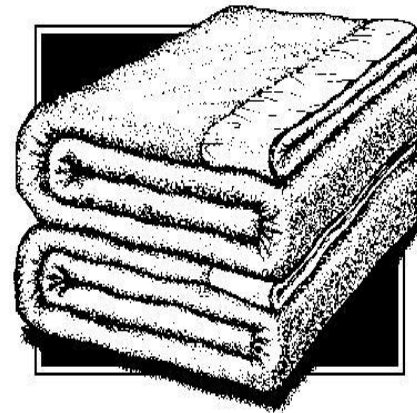


INTERESTED IN CHAIRING THE STONE SOUP LUNCH??

The Stone Soup Lunch is a wonderful event held after the Thanksgiving Worship Service on November 22nd. This year, it is in need of a chair to make it happen. It is a lovely time when soup makers in the congregation bring their favorite recipes and we join together for a meal, fellowship and thanksgiving in Chidley Hall. Please consider Chairing this event this year. It is very easy to organize and there are always many helpful hands at the event that make it great. Contact Christine Tresselt/cgtresselt@yahoo.com if you are interested.

**Mission and Service
Nov 1-15, 2015**

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE is sponsoring a linen drive for the Mission of Deeds (MOD). MOD was founded by Tony Triglione in 1993 to help low-income individuals and families. Clients include: the previously homeless, mothers and children leaving battered women shelters, displaced veterans, refugees and victims of fire and other disasters. The MOD gives new beds, gently used home goods and furniture to people in need.



During this time of year as the cold weather approaches MOD is in need of **twin size blankets and comforters**. We will have a bin in the office foyer to collect new or gently used comforters and/or blankets for the weeks of Nov 1-15.

If you have other larger items you wish to donate please contact Mission of Deeds directly for pick up. Their information can be found at www.missionofdeeds.org

If you have any questions you can contact Jody Collins Skinner at jcollinsskinner@verizon.net

Let's help make the season a little warmer.

Jody Collins Skinner- Mission and Service Ministry

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK (October 25-November 1)

SUNDAY	Deacons & Ministry Team Retreat		
	10:00	AM	Worship
	10:00	AM	J2A Class 9th & 10th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 Class-7th & 8th Grades
	10:15	AM	Stepping Stones (Church School)
	11:30	AM	New Members Inquirer's Class
	4:00	PM	Sounds of Grace
	7:00	PM	Ruth Group
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)
TUESDAY			A 10th year Retrospective Look: Faith and Resilience
	7:00	PM	Post Katrina
	7:30	PM	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	8:30	AM	Men's Coffee & Conversation
	10:00	AM	FAN Toddler Playgroup
	7:30	PM	Purpose Forum
THURSDAY	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
SATURDAY	8:00	PM	FORUM Overnight
SUNDAY	Daylight Savings Time Ends		
	10:00	AM	Worship: Communion & Stewardship Sunday
	10:00	AM	J2A Class 9th & 10th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 Class-7th & 8th Grades
	10:15	AM	Stepping Stones (Church School)
	11:15	AM	Putting the Reno Garden to Rest for the Season
	11:30	AM	Fall Visitation Sunday
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	4:00	PM	Sounds of Grace
	6:00	PM	Healthy Transitions Support Group
	7:00	PM	Men's Group
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)

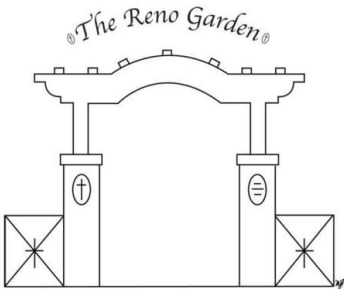
**A 10th Year Retrospective Look:
Faith and Resilience Post Katrina**

**Relief for Victims of
Hurricane Katrina**



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 2015 – 7PM to 9 PM in the Palmer Room: Three groups of FCC members traveled to New Orleans and the surrounding areas post Katrina to participate in faith based recovery projects. In August, I attended a conference in New Orleans that spoke to the accumulative effects of these projects. On 10/27, join fellow church mission companions who participated in the recovery efforts for a look back at the lessons learned. The circle welcomes members with personal stories and those who supported family and friends. The event is open to members of the wider community who wish to give witness. Please bring a memory and/or photo to share. RSVP/Questions: Kathleen Zagata, 781 729-9180 ext 106 or Kathleenzag@gmail.com

PUTTING THE RENO GARDEN TO REST FOR THE SEASON: Please join us in the Reno Garden *immediately* following the service on November 1, 2015. We will gather briefly to give thanks and to put the garden to rest for another year.



2015 Pledges 10/21/2015		
Budget	Actual	Remaining
\$ 492,000	\$ 386,702	\$ 105,298