

ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said, "The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,

ALL: for God seeks such as these to worship God.

One: God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.

ALL: In response to this command, we open ourselves to the spirit of Jesus, that we may offer true and worthy worship of God.

One: Let us trust that, in Christ, our worship and praise are acceptable, and God is glorified.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***HYMN No. 66** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* Pierpoint/Kocher

INVOCATION

One: Holy God, we cannot come before you in worship by our own merit, but only as the Spirit of Jesus enables our prayer and praise.

ALL: Open our ears to hear and our hearts to absorb what it really means to be Christian.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Sovereign Jesus, we have heard you say, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

ALL: We count the cost of discipleship and become afraid of the requirement to let go of the attachments to people and things that keep us from primary allegiance to you, afraid of what more you might ask of us. Forgive us, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & CELEBRATION

One: Paul says, "You were bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

ALL: God suffered the death of Jesus upon the cross that we might know God's forgiveness and the meaning of eternal life here in our present body and in the hereafter.

One: We are new beings in Christ Jesus! Praise be to God!

Responsorial Psalm #139 (unison)

One: You examine me and know me, O God, you know my thoughts, you know my deeds. Before I speak, you know my words; you prepare my way and shield me on every side. Such knowing is beyond my grasp.

ALL: Your love reaches everywhere.

One: In what circumstance could I be beyond your reach? If I fly to the stars, you are there; there, too, if I lie in the grave. If I make my way to the farthest shores, your hand will still greet me and guide me. If I find myself in utter darkness, it is as light to you.

ALL: Your love reaches everywhere.

***HYMN (insert)** *"When in Our Music God is Glorified"* Fred Green

TIME FOR SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

PRAYERFUL CONCERNS AND JOYS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (using "Trespases") Hymnal page 513

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY *"Adagio from Sonata no. 1 in F minor"* Felix Mendelssohn

RECEPTION OF THE GIFTS

Weekly the bell tolls to remember the number of American military casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan, followed by a moment of silence.+

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below, Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

TIME FOR HEARING AND INTERPRETING GOD'S WORD

INTRODUCTION TO LESSON READING

SCRIPTURE Luke 14:25-33 Pew Bible page 908

SERMON The Reverend Stanley Youngberg

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND CONSECRATION *(see insert)*

SHARING *THE BREAD OF LIFE*

SHARING *THE CUP OF LOVE*

TIME FOR RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN #302** *"O Zion, Thy Mission High Fulfilling"* Thomson/Walch

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *"Sketch #4 in D \flat Major"* Robert Schumann

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+Estimates indicate there are twenty civilian and military Iraqi casualties for each American casualty.

***THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WOODBURY
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST***

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

10:00 A.M.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome!

We are a Christian community, dedicated to welcoming those who seek a relationship with God, to sharing God's transforming word and love and to nurturing all in their journey of faith.

To all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tired and in need of rest; to all who are friendless and want fellowship; to all who are lonely and want companionship; to all who are celebrating and want to share the joy; to whosoever enters: this Church opens its doors in the name of Christ our Lord and says welcome!

Whoever you are, where ever you are on life's journey; you are welcome here.



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MEDITATION

Praise to Father, Son, and Spirit; praise to God whose love forgives;
Teaches trust, requires obedience, gives with wisdom, grace to live.

PRELUDE

Let us use this time for prayerful reflection as we open our hearts to the gift of the music.

Please mute your cell phones and pagers. Thank you.