



Worship Bulletin

10:00 AM Service of Worship

Christ Congregational Church, UCC
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*A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Church
Becoming an Anti-racist Church*

10:00 A.M.
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*At CCC, we honor and celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, abilities,
sexual orientations and gender identity.*

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 13, 2010

Let us now enter into the Holy One's presence.

GATHERING MUSIC

(INSERT)
Hymn # 458

Lead Me, Guide Me
I've Got a Feeling
Paul Scribner, drums

Doris M. Akers
I'VE GOT A FEELING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
The Chancel Choir; Sam Brush, piano
Lynne Joseloff, flute; Lazo Momchilovich, oboe

arr. Mack Wilberg

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us worship and bow down in awe of God's steadfast love for us.

For God gives ear to our words; God listens to the sound of our cries.

Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.

For God is our shield, our protection in times of trouble.

Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!

For God is surely in this place! Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #423**

Great Is Your Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, we come to you eager to experience the tender warmth of your embrace. Help us to set aside any distractions that would keep us from resting in your presence. Open our ears to hear what you have to say to us. Open our eyes to see how you are at work among us. Open our hearts to feel your inspiration and guidance. Give us courage to follow you wherever you may lead us. Grant us the courage to pray as Jesus taught...

Holy God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 7:36-50

Kate Rogers

TIME WITH CHILDREN

"Peace, Love and Joy"

Rev. Susan A. Henderson

MUSICAL RESPONSE

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

HYMN (INSERT)*To God Be The Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

MEDITATION*The Alabaster Jar*

Rev. Susan A. Henderson

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us pray,

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Amy L. Lewis

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**OFFERTORY***Fairest Lord Jesus*
The Chancel Choir

arr. Derek Hakes

***DOXOLOGY**

Sung to the tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**Praise God, all creatures here below;****Praise God for all that love has done;****Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION****Gracious God, we offer our gifts as an act of extravagant faith. Bless this offering, that it might be a witness to your realm of forgiveness, justice and healing. Encourage us to show great generosity throughout the coming weeks. In your many names we pray, Amen.****A SERVICE OF FAREWELL**

Leader (Bob Brown, Co-chair of the Transition Committee):

Our church family is constantly changing.

People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up.

People commit themselves to one another.

Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives.

Individuals move into our community and church life.

Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities.

It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of farewell with Reverend Susan Henderson and her husband Ken. Reverend Henderson has completed her interim ministry with us after nearly three years of faithful service and leadership, guiding us with grace and intention. An interim ministry has its important stages and Susan has carefully brought us through those to the time when we are ready to find and then follow our new spiritual leader.

Leader (Sue Dollins, Co-chair of the Transition Committee):

On October 1, 2007, Christ Congregational Church hired Reverend Susan Henderson to serve as Interim Senior Minister.

Reverend Henderson:

I thank Christ Congregational Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness and support shown me these last three years.
 I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.
 I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.
 As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation:

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to follow your life as it leads you elsewhere.

We express our deep gratitude for your time among us, intentionally making us more ready to enter a journey with our next called Senior Minister.

**We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.
 Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.**

Reverend Henderson:

I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Leaders:

On behalf of our entire congregation, we acknowledge that we will miss both of you. You have contributed so much to our life together, in worship, in meetings, in choir, in the fellowship of shared times and events and hospitality. May your own journey from this time and place be blessed and guided by our still speaking God.

Congregation:

God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and our disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH # 547

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

BENEDICTION

Let us bless one another as we journey into the future.

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen.

(Numbers 6:24-25)

POSTLUDE

Ain't Got Time to Die
 The Chancel Choir; Rick Brush, solo

Hall Johnson

Sign Language Interpreter

Jennifer Wagner

Music

Our musical gifts today are offered to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the ministry of The Reverend Susan Henderson.

With appreciation to the Chancel Choir,
The CCC Brass Ensemble; Brian Frye, director;
The CCC Orchestra and Members of the Intergenerational orchestra,
Sam Brush, assistant director and Accompanist.

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Deb Anderson, Bob Fraley and Madelyn and Isaac in honor of Rev. Susan Henderson and in gratitude for the love, nurturance, guidance and grace she has bestowed upon our church community.

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What a joy it has been to serve you as together we journeyed in preparation for the future. You are a strong vibrant faith community, poised to do great works on God's behalf. I am particularly blessed to have worked with such a fine staff – much love and gratitude is extended to Nae, Kristen, Amy, Dianne, Susan, Kristen B., Stephanie P., Stephanie H., Anne N., Anne W., Sarah, Gordon, Jan, Sandy, Teri, Cory, Jim and Noel.

In Christ,

Rev. Susan

CCC Calendar for the Week

Sunday, June 13

- 8:45 AM Adult Education – *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room
- 9:30 AM Peace Pole Dedication
- 10:00 AM Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM 7th and 8th Graders – OWL Program – Room 206
- 11:15 AM Potluck Brunch and Farewell – Social Hall

Monday, June 14

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting – Room 107

Wednesday, June 16

- 7:30 PM Senior Minister Search Committee – Conference Room

Saturday, June 19

- 8:30 AM Saturday Stitching – Room 208

Sunday, June 20

- 8:45 AM Adult Education – *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room
- 10:00 AM Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Fair Trade Coffee and Tea Sale – Social Hall
- 12:00 PM Auditions for *Quilters* – Choir Room
- 4:30 PM Marriage Enrichment – at the home of Aldene and Tom Ault

Monday, June 21

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting – Room 107
- 7:00 PM Auditions for *Quilters* – Choir Room
- 7:30 PM Board Meetings

Sunday, June 20 – Thursday, June 24

Senior High Camp at the CCC Retreat House

What is Happening With Christian Education Today?

During the 10:00 service

Childcare for infants in the Nursery - Room 106
 Lambs (3 and 4 year olds and pre-kindergarten 5 year olds) - Room 006
 Kindergarten 5th Grade– Room 009/010

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 20

I Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a · Psalm 42 and 43 or
 Isaiah 65:1-9 · Psalm 22:19-28
 Galatians 3:23-29
 Luke 8:26-39

JUNE 13, 2010

CCC NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

CALLING ALL UPCOMING 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS! Today, Sunday, June 13, during church school at the 10 am service join Wade Ingram and Nicole Wilson, two graduates of the OWL program, to get a youth perspective on OWL (Our Whole Lives). What's it all about and why you might want to join in next year. We'll meet in the middle school room 206. Questions, contact Kristen Curlee (kristen@cccsilverspring.org).

ADULT EDUCATION - CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY CLASS will not meet today, June 13. Beginning next Sunday, June 20, and continuing through the summer, we will meet 8:45 – 9:45. Individuals will lead discussions on the topics of their choice. All are welcome.

NEW ART EXHIBIT – Take a moment to see the new photography exhibit in the Tate Gallery. The photography of Michael Tran is on display.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE – As of this week we have received 181 pledges for a total of \$615 thousand dollars for the coming year's unified budget. Thank you to all who have pledged for the coming year. As discussed at last week's Annual Meeting, the anticipated final pledge total will be significantly less than the 15% increase needed to fund our congregation's vision for the coming year, and we will be entering the fiscal year with a deficit budget.

If you have not yet pledged, please submit your pledge as soon as possible. If you have already pledged, please prayerfully reconsider your pledge the coming year. Please consider moving to or towards a half tithe -- 5% of income. Pledge cards are available in the pews, and they can be placed in the offering plate. You can also send a note to the Clerk of the Roles, Dave Main, indicating your desire to increase your pledge. Together we can get through this challenging time and grow to meet our joint vision of CCC's future.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO – ONE LAST CHANCE If you were unable to make it to CCC for the photo dates back in March for our new directory, there is another opportunity for you to be included. Just call Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263 and tell them you would like to have your photo included in the Christ Congregational directory. They will tell you what churches in our area are taking photos and help you schedule a time to go. That's all you have to do. Members and friends alike are encouraged to be included in the directory if you haven't done it already. **Please schedule your appointment before June 30th** to ensure that your photo will be included. We are planning to have the directory ready to distribute by this fall. If you have any other questions, contact Carolyn West-Gipson at cwestgipson@verizon.net or 301-384-9805.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SATURDAY STITCHING The Saturday morning stitchers gather each week to quilt, knit, crochet or do mending. Join us on **Saturday, June 12, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. in Room 208.**

CCC BOOK GROUP The CCC Book Group will next meet on June 27 at 7:00 PM at the home of Jackie Walters. We will discuss *Sea Runners* by Ivan Doig; it is in paperback. All are welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND GIVE

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED JUNE 6 - SEPTEMBER 5! This summer we will have a Nursery - 2 yr. old class, a Lambs/Pre-K 3-5 yr. old class and a large group class of Kindergarten -5th grade. We need lead teachers and shepherds. Sign up for as little as one Sunday this summer or as many as you can. A curriculum will be provided for Lambs and K-5th grade teachers. We are using an online resource for recruiting and organizing; please visit <http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/626646/> to sign up. Questions, please call Kristen Curlee, 703-300-1245 or Stephanie Peterson, 301-589-1080.

HOME GROWN VEGETABLES Robin Davis is busy harvesting spinach, mustard, lettuce, kale and other vegetables planted this spring. She has already made several donations of food to the Shepherd's Table of Silver Spring. She's hoping that more people will join her in helping to feed the hungry soon. Please bring your donation of home grown produce, however small or large, to church on Sunday and leave it in the round tan plastic container located in the hall. She will pick it up that day and deliver it directly to the Shepherd's Table. Chef Terry really appreciates it!

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

SR. ADULT 3RD TUESDAY GATHERINGS - You are invited to a time of spiritual nourishment on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 10:30-12:00. Plus, bring a bag lunch and share a meal together after the session at noon. Our past sessions have included "Creating Sacred Space in our Homes" and "Writing I Am Poetry". Please join us this summer at 10:30 on 3rd Tuesdays: June 15, July 20 & August 17. For more information please talk with Rev. Amy Lewis or reach her at amy@cccsilverspring.org & 301.585.8010 ext. 226. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there! *Amy*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School July 12 - 16 for children 3 to 8 years of age, from 9 am to noon. Join us as we explore the parable of the sower and what it means to love and care for creation. Please email Kristen Curlee at Kristen@cccsilverspring.org if you are interested in being a small group leader.

SUMMER FUN

Beach Weekend at Bethany Beach DE, August 20-22, 2010. This is a great opportunity to stay with CCC friends and families at the Christian Church Conference Center in beautiful Bethany Beach at reasonable rates just two blocks from the ocean. Come enjoy the beach, sunrises, rocking chairs on the porch, community playground right on the grounds, good meals, and more. Cost for the weekend, including five meals, is \$118 per adult, \$55 per child ages 6-15 and free for ages 5 and under. Sign up on the church bulletin board by August 1, indicating the number of adults and the number and ages of children attending. **Payment is due August 1** in the church office (make your check payable to CCC). If you have questions, contact Susan Gray.

QUILTERS, THE MUSICAL, IS COMING TO CCC

This fall *Quilters*, a musical based on the diaries of pioneer women, will be produced by CCC. The seven woman cast creates various vignettes that depict the experiences of pioneer women.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, June 20th from noon to 2:00 and Monday, June 21st from 7 to 9 pm. Please contact Terry Strand if you would like to schedule an audition. They will be scheduled every 15 minutes. Please prepare a song to present to Steve Cramer, the director. Call Backs will be held from 7 - 9on Monday, June 28.

In addition, please call Terry if you would like to work on various staging aspects of the play, costumes, set, props, stage crew, pit orchestra, etc. Terry's contact information is 301-942-8883 or terrys@greenacres.org.

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