

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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Patricia Korenkiewicz, Director of Music

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2010

8:30 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS *(Prayerfully prepare for worship.)*

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus* Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We gather, seeking the unity that God can bring.

PEOPLE: **Unite us by your spirit O God.**

LEADER: All creation seeks to praise God.

PEOPLE: **Unite us by your spirit O God.**

LEADER: Wherever we gather, the power of the resurrected Christ is in our midst.

PEOPLE: **Unite us by your spirit O God.**

LEADER: United through the love of God, let us worship and praise. Let us pray.

ALL: **We are Easter People who gather together to celebrate a time of new life, new beginnings.**

Help us, God, to look for signs of Jesus' spirit among us today, and to feel you close to each of us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #466**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we are at times a people easily given to despair. When we look into the future, we often see ending and not beginnings. We confess that we can get entangled in the problems of this world and have trouble seeing hope for the future. We grow accustomed to sighing and in our cynicism, we evade your call to new life. Forgive us our lack of faith and restore in us a trust in your power to create new beginnings where we are not able to imagine them. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ we are forgiven and made new. Let us place our trust in God's promise of new and abundant life.

ALL: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

SCRIPTURE Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-26

SERMON *Entrusted with the Message*

*HYMN **They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love** *back*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespass)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY *(tune of #591)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly Host.

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts we offer, O God. May they help to proclaim your message to all people--a message of peace and hope, of love for all people, of forgiveness and new life. Amen.

*HYMN **Fairest Lord Jesus #306**

BENEDICTION *(Please gather in center aisle.)*

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* Henry Heron

**Indicates that all who are able may stand.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH!
Youth Sunday ~ May 16, 2010

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

Prayerfully preparing for worship

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Joseph Martin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXTENDING THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

INTROIT

Processional

Jr. Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on the Beatitudes Members of the 5th/6th Grade Class

One: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them. We begin worship this morning with his words from the hillside.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

All: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

One: Blessed are they who mourn,

All: **for they shall be comforted.**

One: Blessed are the meek,

All: **for they shall possess the earth.**

One: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice,

All: **for they shall be satisfied.**

One: Blessed are the merciful,

All: **for they shall obtain mercy.**

One: Blessed are the pure of heart,

All: **for they shall see God.**

One: Blessed are the peacemakers,

All: **for they shall be called sons of God.**

One: Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice sake,

All: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

One: Blessed are you! Happy are you! Lift up your voice and sing!

*OPENING HYMN

This Joy I Have

1. **This Joy I have...the world didn't give it to me (3X's)**
No, the world didn't give it, the world can't take it away.
2. **This Love I have....the world didn't give it to me (3X's)**
No, the world didn't give it, the world can't take it away.
3. **This Hope I have....the world didn't give it to me (3X's)**
No, the world didn't give it, the world can't take it away.
4. **This Faith I have...the world didn't give it to me (3X's)**
No, the world didn't give it, the world can't take it away.
5. **This Peace I have....the world didn't give it to me (3X's)**
No, the world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

Yertle the Turtle and the Beatitudes

Julie Clarke

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:14-16 Taylor Wink

The Story of Moses and the Ten Commandments Members of the 4th Grade Class.

A word from the *Cat In the Hat* Frank Ball

And from the *Sneetches*... Dylan Bausum

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hanna and Avery Moore

So often the things that divide are trivial things ~ not much different from stars upon bellies. We who are Christians need to recognize and appreciate more fully the family traits that unite us.

We are all created by God. We are both alike and different from one another, but God called the whole of Creation good.

There is purpose in life for each and every one of us. Just as the prophets in the Old Testament were called, we too are called for a purpose.

All of us have fallen short of what God requires. We deceive ourselves if we think we have not sinned. But to acknowledge this does not mean accepting it as the last word.

We share in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God loves us despite our failings. This is by far the most important basis for our unity.

Proclaiming and celebrating unity in our church means learning from our differences instead of allowing them to divide us. It means encouraging others and not boasting about our own accomplishments. It means courting a spirit of gratitude instead of pride. It means that we cannot and will not separate our love for God from one another. Amen

Back to the *Sneetches*... Dylan Bausum

SCRIPTURE Galatians 3:28

*GLORIA PATRI No.579 Led by members of the Preschool Class

ARAM DAMARJIAN AWARD Cheryl Anderson

ADULT MESSAGE The Good News for You Through Horton Hears a Who
Michelle Neri-Lorette & Rosie Bosse

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:4-16 Emily Baseler

They'll Know We Are Christians 595

Unison

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

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And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

JOYS & CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

Members of the 2nd/3rd Grade Class

VOLUNTARY My Lord, What A Morning Jr. Bell Choir

*DOXOLOGY (Tune of #591) Led by Kindergarten/1st Grade Class

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RECOGNITION Tracy Bausum

*HYMN Sing a Song of the Saints of God

- 1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.**
- 2. They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.**

The *Grinch* gets the last word... Emma Wink

*CLOSING HYMN "Joy To the World" #40

BENEDICTION Gather around the Sanctuary connecting our hands and our hearts

POSTLUDE How Majestic is Your Name Mark Hayes

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Without our team of dedicated and gifted volunteers, our children and youth programs would not exist. Please be sure to extend our gratitude to each and every one of them (* Denotes that the volunteer is also a member of the Ministry of Christian Education):

Sunday School Volunteers

Nursery: Michelle Neri-Lorette, Rosie Bosse, Dennis Kaiser

Preschool: Marycia Malloy, Megan Stillwell*, Jennifer Plecan

Kindergarten/1st Grade: Lynn Goodwin, Liza Ringuette*

2nd/3rd Grades: Wendy Moores*, Arlene Cocchiarella*, Jessi Badrick

4th Grade: Susan Sanford*, Laurie O'Neil

5th/6th Grades: Cara Lovering, Alison Cook

Breakfast Club (7th/8th Grades): Ted Sanford, Melanie Hathaway, Tracy Bausum*

Teen Time (9th – 12th Grades): Ted Sanford, Tracy Bausum*

Substitutes: Lara Poulivos, Eleanor Ball

Special Assistant to the CE Coordinator: Dylan Bausum

Youth Group Leaders:

Jr. High (6th-8th Grades): Cheryl Anderson*, Joyce Moore

Sr. High (9th – 12th Grades): Tracy Bausum*, John Clarke, Chris and Donna Wink

Discipleship Program

Leader: Cheryl Anderson*

Mentors: Jim Caronna, Mitch and Lori Koziol

“It takes a village to raise a child.” This old adage holds a wealth of truth. None of us can stand alone. We are all dependent on each other. The responsibility to ensure that our children live happy, healthy lives belongs to all of us. It is our honor and challenge to make sure this next generation succeeds. Please consider being part of our ” village” at Colchester Federated Church as a teacher, assistant, substitute, youth group leader or helper, discipleship mentor, VBS volunteer...

They'll Know We Are Christians 595

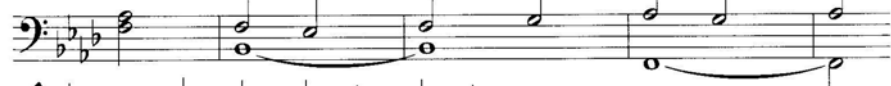
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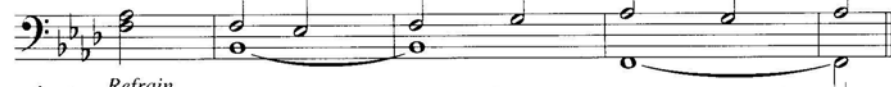
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