

South Church in Andover
United Church of Christ

Order of Worship

February 21, 2010

10:30 AM

First Sunday in Lent

MEDITATION: *"Pray then in this way:
 Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name. (Matthew 6:9)*

PRELUDE *Adagio from Sonata No. 1* Felix Mendelssohn

OPENING PSALM (118:24)
THIS is the day that the LORD has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

WELCOME
Introduction of visitors and guests
Announcements
Exchange of Peace
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

INTROIT *I Will Worship the Lord* John Rutter

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 63) Maggie D'Innocenzo
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
**for you have been my help, and
in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

*HYMN *Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught* #349 Red

*INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER The Reverend Jonathan Drury
**Source of all goodness, we know we have been blessed with abundant opportunities.
Everything necessary for life in all its fullness has been made available to us. Pour out on us
now, we pray, an extra measure of your spirit to expand our vision, enlarge our dreams, and
help us to speak and live your truth. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught his
disciples to pray, saying Our Father... (debts).**

*PRAYER RESPONSE
**Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our prayer, O God.
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Jonathan Drury
(Children are invited to go to Church School)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:6-15

Polly Pyle

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

"Pray then in this way: Our Father 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 also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

*HYMN *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (words and music in bulletin)

MESSAGE **The Disciple's Prayer** The Reverend John W. Zehring

MUSICAL RESPONSE *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte
April Foley, soprano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE John Zehring

PRAYER HYMN RESPONSE: *Nothing can trouble* (sing twice)
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS IN THANKSGIVING John Zehring

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above ye heav'nly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION led by Polly Pyle

Receive the gifts we now offer, that they may become the gift of hope to a world in despair. Receive our lives as instruments of your grace, that we may become the gift of love to people who are hurting. Amen.

*HYMN *We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle* (sung to the tune of Jacob's Ladder)

We are dancing Sarah's circle,.....sisters, brothers, all
Here we seek and find our story,.....sisters, brothers, all.
We will all do our own naming, sisters, brothers, all.
Every round a generation, sisters, brothers, all.
On and on the circle's moving sisters, bothers, all.

*BENEDICTION Mr. Zehring

*RESPONSE *Prayer of St. Patrick* John Rutter

*POSTLUDE

* All who are able, please stand

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