

South Church in Andover
United Church of Christ

Order of Worship

February 28, 2010

10:30 AM

Second Sunday in Lent
Children's Worship Service (Children go directly to classrooms)

MEDITATION: *"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."*
(Jeremiah 31:3)

Songs and stories that
lift our spirits

PRELUDE An Wasserflussen Babylon – J. S. Bach

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 *Lead Me Lord* S. S. Wesley

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 98) Sarah Appleton

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together.

STORY Discipleship

*HYMN *Onward, Christian Soldiers* #382 Blue

*INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER The Reverend Jonathan Drury

Almighty God, to whom even the morning stars sing, let us come into Your presence with singing and praise, for You are our very present help, our refuge and our strength. Speak to us through song and stories, and remind us that you are always there for us, even when we do not call Your name. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught his disciples to pray, saying. "Our Father.(debts). Amen."

*PRAYER RESPONSE

**This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.**

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:1-3 Glenn Rogers

STORY Love

HYMN *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* (please remain seated) # 384 Red

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 31:1-5 Jonathan Drury

STORY Simplicity

ANTHEM *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS IN THANKSGIVING Jonathan Drury

INVITATION

OFFERTORY *I to the Hills* (Psalm 121) Jean Berger

*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 Glenn Rogers

**Blessed God, let your love flow through these gifts we now give. As your children,
strengthened by your Spirit, we offer our love and our lives. Let our love be an
instrument of peace, an expression of hope, a sign of your presence in the world. In
Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:25-30 Jonathan Drury

STORY Comfort

HYMN *Near to the Heart of God* (please remain seated) # 527 Red

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessory Prayers John Zehring

When invited, you are welcome to request prayers. Please speak loud enough for all to
hear so that we may lift up your request in our prayers.

Morning Prayer John Zehring

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 18:1-4 Jonathan Drury

STORY Yielded

*HYMN *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* (in bulletin)

*BENEDICTION John Zehring

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Masithi*, South African. Sing three times)

Amen! We praise your name O God.

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Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

Amen! We praise your name, O God.

*POSTLUDE Fugue – J. S. Bach

* All who are able, please stand

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