

**South Church in Andover  
United Church of Christ**

**Order of Worship**

March 7, 2010

10:30 AM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
The Baptism Of Hannah And Grace Arnold  
Third Sunday in Lent

MEDITATIONS *Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a coat of many colors. And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colors that was on him; And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.*

(Genesis 37:3, 23-24, KJV)

*Never laugh at anyone's dreams  
People who don't have dreams don't have much.*

(Chinese proverb)

PRELUDE

*Overture from "Joseph"*

Andrew Lloyd Weber & Tim Rice

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

(Visitors and guests are invited to complete a Visitor Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate)

Announcements

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

INTROIT

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rebecca Long

Come! Cry out with the psalmist:

**"Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me."**

Write your laws upon our hearts, O Lord, and we will be your people.

**"Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me."**

Be our God, and we will be your people.

**“Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.”**

\*HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* (verses 1 and 4) #138 Red  
(please remain standing for the prayer of confession)

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Reverend Jonathan Drury  
Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we have gathered as dry bones in our Lenten season, longing for your refreshing words. Lord Jesus, let your presence be real in our hearts and minds. Forgive us for failing to put you first in our lives. Invigorate us with new life. Inspire us to dream big dreams of what could be.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* (seated) #288 Blue

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Pastors Drury and Zehring  
Invitation and Prayer  
Sharing of the Bread and the Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE BAPTISM OF HANNAH AND GRACE ARNOLD Pastors Drury and Zehring

**Hannah and Grace** are the daughters of Tom Arnold and Evonne Yang.

Congregational assent

PASTOR: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise to pray for these children, to help nurture them in the Christian faith, and to try your best to be an example of love and forgiveness?

PEOPLE: **We promise our prayers, our care, and our example of love and forgiveness, as we pledge to grow in our faithfulness to God.**

BAPTISMAL MUSIC *Lord of All Hopefulness* Slane

(Children are invited to go to Church School)

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 50:7-20 Deacon, Mike Roos

So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. Both chariots and charioteers went up with him. It was a very great company. When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they held there a very great and sorrowful lamentation; and he observed a time of mourning for his father seven days. When the Canaanite inhabitants of the land saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning on the part of the Egyptians." Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. Thus his sons did for him as he had instructed them. They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, the field near Mamre, which Abraham bought as a burial site from Ephron the Hittite. After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

ANTHEM

*Any Dream Will Do*

MESSAGE

**YOUR Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**

The Reverend John W. Zehring

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Tamara Rozek, piano

Celtic arr. Phillip Keveren

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS IN THANKSGIVING

Jonathan Drury

If you have already paid your pledge electronically or in advance, you are invited to submit into the offering plate the green giving card in the pew rack to symbolize your prayer that God will bless your giving and that your gift will support the mission and ministry of the Church in meeting the needs of others and in helping those in need.

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

*To Dream the Impossible Dream* Joe Darion/Mitch Leigh  
Tom Harvey, tenor – Rob Thomas, piano

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**We give you but your own,  
what e'er the gift may be  
All that we have is yours alone  
We give it gratefully.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mike Roos

**We thank you, O God of light, for guiding us out of darkness and into life.  
We praise you for your healing touch as you repair the damaged parts of  
our lives. We offer these gifts in gratitude and praise. Through these gifts,  
create light and places of healing for others in need. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER ("*debts*")

Linda Hacker

\*HYMN

*Spirit* (verses 1, 3 and 5)

#319 Red

BENEDICTION

(Please be seated)

John. Zehring

POSTLUDE

Go, Go, Go Joseph  
(Please remain seated for the Postlude)