

# South Church in Andover United Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

August 8, 2010

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

*Andantino*

Lean Langlais

OPENING PSALM (118:24)

THIS is the day that the LORD has made!  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

WELCOME and Announcements

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 50)

The Reverend Jonathan Drury

The mighty one, God the Sovereign, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence.**

Before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around.

**God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may judge God's people.**

\*HYMN

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* [v. 1,2,4]

# 30 Blue

\*UNISON INVOCATION PRAYER

Jonathan Drury

**O God, we praise you for your faithfulness. We worship you in song and prayer and gift. Bestow a blessing upon each one who has come today, that we may see our lives and affairs more clearly, that we may better recognize the presence of your Holy Spirit, and that we may give more of ourselves to you and to the world around us.**

\*PRAYER RESPONSE

*This Little Light of Mine*

[in bulletin]

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Jonathan Drury

SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:32-40

Mike Roos

[Jesus said:] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

\*HYMN

*Precious Lord*

**Refrain: Precious Lord take my hand  
lead me on, let me stand,**

**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Thru the storm, thru the night  
lead me on to the light,  
take my hand, precious Lord lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near,  
When my life is almost gone.  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand, lest I fall,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**Refrain...**

**When the darkness appears and the light draws near  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, take me home.**

MESSAGE: **All Along the Watch Tower** Jonathan Drury

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *All Along the Watch Tower* Bob Dylan  
Steve Longo & Martin McGrath, guitars

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS IN THANKSGIVING INVITATION Jonathan Drury

OFFERTORY *Thy Mercy, My God* John Stoker/Sandra McCracken  
Annelise Mesler, piano & vocals

\*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 Mike Roos  
**God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time, indeed, the gift of our very selves. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord is King* #155 Red

\*BENEDICTION Jonathan Drury

\*POSTLUDE *Dir, dir, Jehovah, will ich singen!* Max Reger

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\* All who are able, please stand

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of the United Church of Christ.

**Participating in the Service**  
Head Usher: Wayne Gendron  
Deacon: Mike Roos