South Church in Andover
United Church of Christ

Order of Worship

August 15, 2010 9:30 AM

MEDITATION: *"Forgiveness is the cleansing fire that burns away old regrets and resentments."*

Jonathan Lockwood Huie

PRELUDE *Andante (from Suite from Drottningholms Musique)* Johan Helmich Roman

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 80) The Reverend Jonathan Drury

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
Stir up your might, and come to save us!

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.

Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your strong hand planted.

Restore us, O Sovereign God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*HYMN *We Gather Together* #21 Blue

*UNISON INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER Jonathan Drury

God of power, You are alive! Breathe life into us this day. Grant us enthusiasm. Infuse us with joy. Build our self-confidence. Help us to conquer our fear and worry. Change our polarity to the positive, that our life in You may be a source of giving energy to the world. Help us to be alive! This we pray in the name of Jesus, saying "Our Father... (debts)."

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Jonathan Drury

SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:49-56 Laura Jordan

[Jesus said:] "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son, and son against father, mother against daughter, and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*HYMN *How Gentle God's Commands* #76 Blue

MESSAGE: **Burning Down For Building Up** Jonathan Drury

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS IN THANKSGIVING Jonathan Drury

INVITATION

OFFERTORY *How Can I Keep from Singing* Traditional, arr. Bradley Ellingboe
Harmonic Regression

*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 Laura Jordan

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. Please accept these offerings and help them to be used to make real your Heavenly Kingdom. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #276 Red

*BENEDICTION Jonathan Drury

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Long Live God* Stephen Schwartz/John-Michael Tebelak
Harmonic Regression

*POSTLUDE *Trumpet Prelude (from Suite from Drottningholms Musique)*
Johan Helmich Roman

* All who are able, please stand