

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

Order of Worship

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

September 5, 2010

9:30 AM

The Baptism of Carter Michael Ferrantino

MEDITATION: *“Jesus tapped me on the shoulder and said, Bob, why are you resisting me? I said, I’m not resisting you! He said, You gonna follow me? I said, I’ve never thought about that before! He said, When you’re not following me, you’re resisting me.”*

--Bob Dylan

PRELUDE

Let us Break Bread Together

Charles Callahan

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

The Reverend Jonathan Drury

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O God, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days
that were formed for me, before they existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end - I am still with you.**

*HYMN *Come, Great God of All the Ages versus 1, 2, 4*

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THE BAPTISM OF CARTER MICHAEL FERRANTINO

Carter is the son of Leigh and Michael Ferrantino.

Congregational assent:

PASTOR: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise to pray for Carter, to help nurture him 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.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jonathan Drury

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, O God, that we have used only a small part of the potential that is in us. There are energies, powers, and possibilities in us that have never been released. Forgive us for settling for second best, for growing accustomed to the way we think and act, and then failing to go beyond our usual responses. Help us to yield to you this day, and thus to open our lives to joy, service, and adventure.

Assurance of Forgiveness

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Jonathan Drury

Invitation

God be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God most high.

Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Unison Prayer of Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, you have opened wide your hands and satisfied the desire of your living creatures. As we have been invited here, may we be inviting elsewhere. As we have been accepted here, may we be accepting elsewhere. As we have forgiven here, may we be forgiving elsewhere. As we have been so generously provided for, may we be generous in providing for others. Strengthen now our faith in these days, increase our love for one another, and teach us to love you more. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

Children are invited to follow adult leaders outdoors for
"Gardening, Games, and Gospel Stories."

SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:25-33

Heather Bond

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

MESSAGE:

Going All In

Jonathan Drury

HYMN

He Is King of Kings

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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.

Envelopes for the Pastor's Samaritan Fund will be available today, marked "*Love Offering*." Your gift, which is used by the Pastor primarily for our members, is a way to stand with our people in their time of need.

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Turn, Turn, Turn

Pete Seeger

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE **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 Heather Bond

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")

*HYMN

Fight the Good Fight

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BENEDICTION

Jonathan Drury

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J.S.Bach

* All who are able, please stand