

MAIN STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

At 145 Main Street, Amesbury, MA 01913

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The Congregation

The Reverend Joan MacPherson

Michael Gelsomini

Danny Smith

Ministers

Pastor and Teacher

Pastoral Associate

Music Director

Third Sunday In Lent 10:00 A.M. March 7, 2010

Prelude "We Are So Blessed", "From The Rising Of The Sun"
"We Have Come Into His House", "Come, Now Is The Time To Worship"

Introit "Prepare Our Hearts"

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Welcome travelers, to the journey of faith and hope.

Many: A journey that is the best route through the land called life.

One: Come and step into the mystery, challenge and grace acting out our faith by living life to the fullest.

Many: We come to this place where we experience God's love.

One: Where we look at life in its diverse wonder and deep pain.

Many: And see how our God guides us, holds us, blesses us, transforms us.

One: Welcome, come, worship our God who never gives up. Amen.

*Hymn "Never Give Up"

Never give up, never give up, never give up, never give up

Never, never, never, never, never oh never, never give up.

Announcement Of Campaign Pledges David Frick & Steve Horhota

Campaign Song

Prayer of Confession (all uniting): Life-bringing God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty, community

out of isolation. Life-bringing God, you do not leave us alone but continually pour grace, love and strength into the places of need, ache, desperation and emptiness. You are constant with life-giving wonder - we ignore you, we try other things, we stay busy to avoid hearing the hurt and facing the needs - God, forgive us for not paying attention to all that you offer, God give us the courage to enter fully into your life-giving way and to build on that sure foundation of your grace. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace

Sacrament of Communion - Feast of Celebration

Invitation

Blessing of the Elements

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements (All are welcome at the table. We eat the bread as we receive it as a sign that we are called as individuals to the table. We hold the cup and drink it together when all have been served as a sign that we are all one in Christ's body. You may choose between juice or water from the communion tray.)

Prayer Of Sending (please remain seated) - children leave for Sunday School

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Anthem "This Is The Day Of Rejoicing" Martin

Joys and Concerns

Joy For The Campaign Executive Committee Erna Lallier

Joy For The Congregation Steve Horhota & David Frick

Joy For What Is To Be Built Rev. Joan MacPherson

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

