

Stewardship is what a man does after he says, 'I believe.'
— W. H. Greever



We Gather to Praise God

** indicates those who are able may stand*



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Through Adams's Fall*

J. S. Bach

* INTROIT *sung by everyone* Pete Seeger, *adapted from Ecclesiastes 2*

To everything—turn, turn, turn,
There is a season—turn, turn, turn,
And a time to every purpose under heaven.



* CALL TO WORSHIP *spoken responsively* Pat Milliken, *adapted*

Leader: In the summertime world, ...
God has created

People: It is good.

Leader: In the summertime world, ...
God has created

People: It is good.

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* OPENING HYMN #21 *Let the Whole Creation Cry*



* GREETING ONE ANOTHER *please stand and greet those around you!*

* RESPONSE *sung by everyone* Bryan Jeffery Leech

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *seated in unison* Lavon Bayler, *adapt*

**Amazing God, the more we learn of your creation,
the more we are filled with awe and wonder.**



**Yet, our vision narrows to our limited concerns,
and we forget the immense reaches of the stewardship to which
you appoint us. We have not taken good care of this Earth,
which is our home. We have not cared well for one another as
sisters and brothers. Our doubts outweigh our obedience.
O God, help us fulfill our baptism and claim our discipleship,
as forgiven and forgiving sinners. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *by the pastor* Lavon Bayler, *adapt*



We Listen for God's Word



PIANO SOLO

Michael Dei

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Genesis 1:1-5, 11-12, 24-31 p
Psalm 24:1-6 p. 3

CHILDREN'S TIME "Making a Difference for God"

PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")

HYMN (see insert) *When Long Before Time*
Children adjourn to the Parish Hall for Mission Discovery

COMMUNITY TIME "What's the News? The News Is..."

SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 4:1-11 p. 8

SERMON "Growing a Garden of Faith – Stewards & Keepers"

We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Show Me Thy Ways, O Lord* Maurice Gree
Ed Kruczynski and Rick Hochsprung

* DOXOLOGY *sung by everyone* (Tune #719) Fred Pratt Green, *adapted*

**Come, sing a song of gardens,
Of thanks for daily food!
To offer God the firstfruits
Reveals our gratitude.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*

We Share in The Sacrament of Holy Communion

ORGAN INTERLUDE

Invitation, Prayer of Consecration, Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving *spoken responsively* *Chalice Worship*

We have remembered our Lord Jesus through the breaking of bread
and sharing of the cup. He has been made known to us in our midst.
Let us, then, greet him with the hospitality of our hearts.

Welcome Christ, our sovereign and savior.

Welcome Christ, our friend and companion.

Welcome Christ, our teacher and guide.

Welcome Christ, our strength and solace.

Abide daily in Christ, that Christ may abide daily with you. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN (see insert) *Now Let Us from This Table Rise*

* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Tune #684) Ruth Duck
sung together while holding hands

**God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
A future free from want and fear, life's goodness celebrating.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
That all may have abundant life in ev'ry earthly nation.**

POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve God

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments
hosted by The Deacons.*

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke

United Church of Christ

Where Neighbors Meet



Growing a Garden of Faith - Stewardship

HOLY COMMUNION — AUGUST 1, 2010

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WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all who worship with us morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Older children are excused for classroom work as indicated. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Kathy Cruson read the scripture. Peter, Sharon & Eric Chase served as ushers.

THE DEACON'S FUND ...

Donations toward this fund are accepted **today**. This fund helps those in need in our church and community.

SCHEDULE OF USHERS FOR AUGUST ...

8 Lynn Matava and Alan & Anna Gibbs

15 Kurt & Jodi Ehler and Don & Laurie Hill

22 Eric & Judy Pearson and Floyd & Dot Smith

29 Randy Shuey, Dean Hopps, Helen Chapman and Marc Herring

If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Steve and Carol Borghese - family and medical concerns

Stacy Driscoll's dear friend Joanne Kerstetter and her 16-year old granddaughter were severely injured in a bomb blast in South Africa July 11th while on a mission trip. Please keep them and the other 5 who were also injured in your prayers.

Barbara (Doris Rowden's friend) – medical concerns

Wayne Hochsprung (Rick's brother) – alcohol dependency

Rev. Jim's cousin, Kevin Hogg – diagnosed with Parkinson's disease

Connie Saturley – testing for lymphoma

Larry Dowling – in Concord Hospital

Ruth Chase – at Harris Hill Nursing Home

Sue Riley (friend of Elizabeth Hancarik's) – recovering from breast surgery

Zoe, a 6 ½ yr. old girl with a brain tumor

Matt and Kelly Pearson, high-risk pregnancy

Laurie O'Neil (Jessica Hamel's co-worker's niece) - Stage 4 cancer

Robbe MacKenzie & family – multiple issues

Military personnel overseas & their families

FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

As always, donations of flowers are welcomed for our altar each Sunday morning. To contribute all you have to do is sign up on the Flower Sheet in the Parish Hall or let the flower committee members know. Please contact Robbe MacKenzie 485-7295 (**August**), Doris Rowden 485-3664 (**September**) and Lynn Matava 485-8383 (**October**).

IT'S A BROWN BAG SUMMER! If you haven't already, pick up a brown bag custom-decorated by one of our kids in the Parish Hall. Bring in the brown bag full of canned and boxed non-perishable food into church each Sunday.