

IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

THE ROSEBUDS are placed in the sanctuary today celebrating the births of Stella Ann Payne and Sloane Ellington Payne, twin daughters born on February 23, 2010. Their parents are Kim and David Payne of Windsor, CT. The great-grandparent is Marion Holloway, Sr.

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GREETERS: Chuck & Edie Anderson, Helen Hancock

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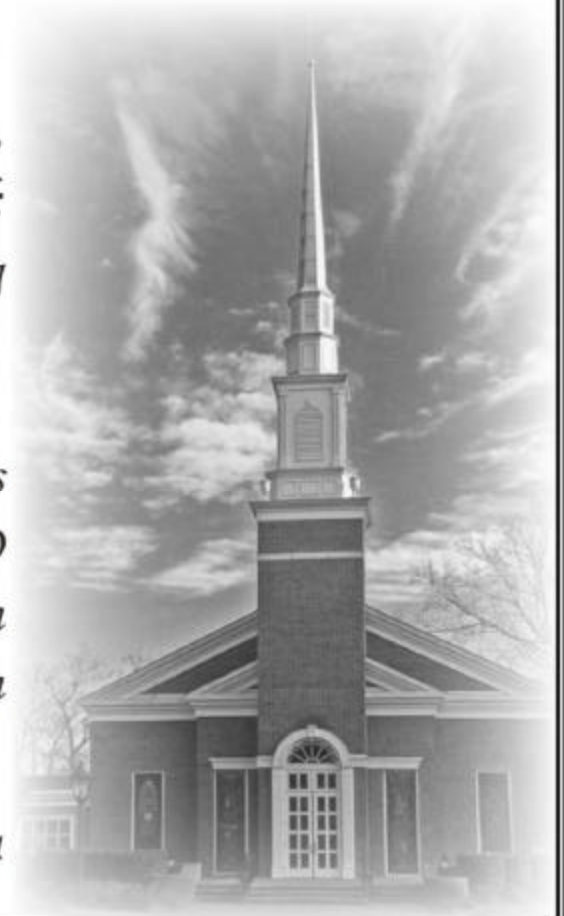
How lovely is thy dwelling place

O Lord of hosts!

*My soul longs, yea faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing
for joy to the living God.*

*Even the sparrow finds
a home at your altars, O
Lord of hosts. For a day in
your courts is better than
a thousand elsewhere.*

Psalm 84



A Service of Christian Worship

March 7, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10:55 A.M.

GATHERING

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

Please sign the registration book on the center aisle and pass it to your neighbor. First-time visitors are encouraged to list your address and telephone number so that we may share additional information about our church with you.

A MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Acolytes

PRELUDE "Little" Prelude and Fugue in F
Anne Kimball, organist

J. S. Bach

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Draw Me Nearer

Fanny Crosby

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We have come to worship, fully aware of our shortcomings.

PEOPLE: We have come to worship, so that our shortcomings may be nourished.

LEADER: What God plants, over time will surely develop and grow.

PEOPLE: What God plants is forgiveness so that love and justice may flourish.

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 417 O For a Heart to Praise My God

*OPENING PRAYER (Pastor)

Holy God of planting and harvest, be present in this time of worship. Nurture us from lives of insignificance and chance. Develop in us the wisdom of mature growth. Enliven us through inward healing that we might become agents of hope and instruments of peace. In this time, may we come together as Creator and beloved, experiencing your presence in power and peace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Creator God, gardener of fig tree and vine, we confess that we are still underdeveloped. We desire to live lives of purpose and prosperity, but too often we are inundated by the storms of everyday life. We hope to mature and produce the fruit of your divine reign, but our lives are overwhelmed by trivialities and unnecessary detail. Tend to our hearts, making soft the soil of our lives. Nourish our minds, hastening the maturing of our faith. Forgive us, we pray, when patience gives way to frustration. Free us to live fruitful free lives, lives of consistency and clarity, not because we are worthy of special favor, but because you choose to bestow your favor on all your children. We give you the honor and the glory. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, hear the Good News: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for the life-giving power of God's Spirit has freed us from the cycle of sin and death.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God for the gift of new life in Christ. Amen.

*THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Parents may take 3,4 & 5 year olds to Children's Church at this time.

ANTHEM

Dona Nobis Pacem

Hal Hopson, arr.

Chancel Choir

PRAYER CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

Breathe on Me Breath of God

Edwin Hatch

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Solo

Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child

Howard Helvey, arr.

Nancy Price, soloist

*THE DOXOLOGY NO. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-9

Mary Engel

SERMON

"Grace in Gray"

Rev. Amy L. Coles

*CLOSING HYMN # 438

Forth In Thy Name, O Lord

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Postludium

Marius Monnikendam

*Congregation please stand as you are able