

## Worship Updates for May and June, 2010

[note: see bottom of this document for **Brass Quintet Openings** information]

Your Worship Committee will meet in May to plan summer worship. If you have suggestions or comments concerning summer worship or any other Sunday worship procedure, please speak to Pastor Rachel, Sharon Rogers, Michael Snyder, Ray or Sara LaMonica, or Alan Bennett.

Upcoming Worship Events. Mark your calendars!

Children's Sunday. May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Confirmation Sunday. June 13<sup>th</sup>

Summer time change. 10:00 AM on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

The July 4<sup>th</sup> service will be a combined Worship Service at the Union Congregational Church on Haverhill Street in North Reading.

As in the past several years, Aldersgate and UCC will share worship on July 4<sup>th</sup> and on Labor Day. The Labor Day service will take place at Aldersgate.

Liturgists and greeters may continue to sign up in the on the sign up sheets in the Narthex for summer service. Experience is not a necessary factor! All members of the congregation are encouraged to assist Pastor Rachel by reading the Bible on Sunday, or to greet fellow worshipers as they enter church on Sunday mornings.

Please don't be shy.

Give it a try!

Sara LaMonica  
For your Worship Committee

### Day by Day Bible Readings    May and June    Quiet Time

#### May 2010

- 1 Romans 8. 1-17
- 2 Romans 8. 18-39
- 3 Romans 12. 1-21
- 4 Romans 13. 1-14
- 5 Romans 14. 1-23
- 6 Psalm 80
- \* National Day of Prayer
- 7 Romans 15. 1-13
- 8 John 14. 1-14
- 9 John 14. 15-31
- 10 John 15. 1-17
- 11 John 15. 18 - 16. 15

#### June 2010

- 1 Hebrews 3.1-19
- 2 Hebrews 4.1-13
- 3 Hebrews 4.14 - 5.10
- 4 Hebrews 5.1 - 6.12
- 5 Hebrews 6 13 - 7.10
- 6 Hebrews 7. 11-28
- 7 Hebrews 8. 1-13
- 8 Hebrews 9. 1-22
- 9 Hebrews 9. 23 - 10.18
- 10 Hebrews 10. 19-39
- 11 Genesis 9. 1-17
- 12 Genesis 15. 1-17

12 John 16. 16- 33	13 Exodus 19. 1-25
13 Acts 1. 1-11 <b>**Ascension Day</b>	14 Exodus 20. 1-21
14 Acts 1. 12-26	15 Exodus 23. 20-33
15 Ezekiel 1. 1-28	16 Exodus 24. 1-18
16 Ezekiel 2. 1-10	17 Deuteronomy 29.1-29
17 Ezekiel 3. 1-15	18 Deuteronomy 30. 1-20
18 Ezekiel 3. 16-27	19 Deuteronomy 31. 1-29
19 Ezekiel 36.1-15	20 Deut. 31.30 – 32. 18
20 Ezekiel 36. 16-27	21 Deut. 32. 19-44
21 Ezekiel 37. 1-14	22 Deut. 32.45 – 33.5
22 Joel 2.28 – 3.8	23 Joshua 1. 1-18
23 Acts 2.1-13 <b>***Pentecost Sunday</b>	24 Joshua 2. 1-24
24 Acts 2.14-28	25 Joshua 3. 1-17
25 Acts 2.29-47	26 Joshua 4. 1-24
26 Acts 3. 1-10	27 Joshua 23. 1-16
27 Acts 3. 11-26	28 2 Samuel 7. 1-17
28 Acts 4. 1-22	29 2 Samuel 7. 18-29
29 Acts 4. 23-37	30 Psalm 89
30 Acts 5. 1-16	
31 Acts 5. 17-42	

\* The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Our Task Force is a privately funded organization whose purpose is to encourage participation on the National Day of Prayer. The Task Force represents a Judeo Christian expression of the national observance, based on our understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible. The National Day of Prayer.

In accordance with Biblical truth, the National Day of Prayer Task Force seeks to:  
Foster unity within the Christian Church

- Protect America's Constitutional Freedoms to gather, worship, pray and speak freely.
- Publicize and preserve America's Christian heritage
- Encourage and emphasize prayer, regardless of current issues and positions
- Respect all people, regardless of denomination or creed
- Be wise stewards of God's resources and provision
- Glorify the Lord in word and deed

\*\*The Christian doctrine of the Ascension holds that Jesus ascended to heaven in the presence of his Eleven Apostles following his resurrection, and that in heaven he sits at the right hand of God the Father.

Belief in the Ascension of Jesus is found in the Nicene Creed, and is affirmed by Christian liturgy and, in the West, by the Apostles' Creed. The Ascension implies Jesus' humanity being taken into heaven. Ascension Day, celebrated 40 days after Easter, is one of chief feasts of the Christian year. The feast dates back at least to the later 300s, as is widely attested.

Traditionally, on Pentecost Sunday, Aldersgate Methodists wear red

\*\*\* Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost Sunday, which marks the end of the Easter season in the Christian calendar, celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Pentecost is celebrated seven weeks (50 days) after Easter Sunday, hence its name. Pentecost falls on the tenth day after Ascension Thursday.

The biblical narrative of Pentecost is given in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. As recounted in Acts 2:1-4

On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind. It filled the house where they were meeting. Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there. The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak.

The apostles received the Holy Spirit and were miraculously enabled to go out into Jerusalem prophesying and speaking in languages that all the visitors to Jerusalem could understand as told further in Acts 2:5-6.

Many religious Jews from every country in the world were living in Jerusalem ... they were hearing everything in their own languages.

The noise and activity attracted a huge crowd and the Apostle Peter preached a sermon to the crowd with great effectiveness, as Acts 2:41 reports: "On that day about three thousand believed his message and were baptised."

### **Brass Quintet Openings**

French Horn Player

Euphonium / Trombone Player

Looking for 2 new members in our brass quintet. We meet Thursday evenings for rehearsals. We play many styles of music for enjoyment and the joy of creating music. Players need to read and play at a good level. Please contact Art Zavarella; [art@visionscopeinc.com](mailto:art@visionscopeinc.com) or 978-985-3686