

ORDER OF SERVICE

"It is through creating, not possessing, that life is revealed." -- Vida Scudder

PRELUDE *Aarau, Op. 17 #1* -- V. d'Indy

INTROIT *Spirit of Love* -- Herbert Colvin

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 447 (Henry Guinn, chalice lighter)

* HYMN Number 33 (standing) *Sovereign and Transforming Grace*

RESPONSIVE READING Number 660 (standing) -- Thoreau

* SONG OF EXALTATION (standing) Genevan Psalter, 1551
**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing ye to God with cheerful voice;
Come serve with mirth, God's praise forth tell.
Join ye together and rejoice. Amen.**

READING from *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau

* INTERLUDE *Vision Fugitive, Op. 22 #16* -- S. Prokofieff

READING from *Accedi & Me* by Kathleen Norris

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

MOMENTS OF SILENCE (A time for contemplation and prayer.)

ANTHEM *Down By the Riverside* -- Jay Althouse
Paula Turner, guest conductor Debbie Heath, pianist

OFFERTORY *Romance, Op. 24 #9* -- J. Sibelius

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN Number 99 (standing) *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

SERMON *Lives of Quiet Despair*
The Reverend Burton D. Carley

CHORAL RESPONSE *Benediction* -- Jason Shelton

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postludium* -- E. Dohnanyi

* Persons arriving late may be seated at these times.

Large Print or Braille Hymnals, and Assisted Hearing Devices may be requested from the ushers.

Web Site: Check out our web site at www.churchoftheriver.org. You will find relevant information about our church, including a calendar and the weekly newsletter.

To receive the newsletter and/or have a nametag, please visit the welcoming table at the back of the church to sign our guest register.

A Crying Room is available in the Beacon Room (library) of the Channing Wing. You can hear the service while rocking the little one.

The Care Coordinator for September is Suzanne Freeman at 662-487-2570.

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS: The Quest Group meets in the Beacon Room at 9:30 a.m. to ponder "The Bible - Down and Dirty". The Questions of Faith group meets next week at 10 a.m. in the Chalice Room to discuss Channing's sermon *Unitarian Christianity*. For information contact either Liz Conway at 486-4872 or Natalie Parker-Lawrence at 461-8206. All welcome!

What are you called to do? Four opportunities: (1) Soup Kitchen (Dan Bing at 763-2384); (2) COR meals-on-wheels (Jeane Umbreit at 374-9114); (3) Shady Grove Elementary School (Juliet Wischmeyer at 219-5817); (4) Hospitality Hub (Ellen Klyce at 323-0123).

SERMONS AVAILABLE: CD's for \$5 or on loan from the library. Print copies on the Welcome Table. PODCASTS on the website by Tuesday.

Please practice hospitality by leaving the back pew open for members and visitors who are physically challenged and those who arrive after the first hymn. Also we appreciate SILENT CELL PHONES.

On Sat., Oct. 10 at 3:30 p.m. there will be a tribute to the Reverend James Madison Barr in the Mississippi River Room.

Wed. the 16th there will be a potluck for families with children in grades 1-6 at the home of Juliet Wischmeyer.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS *The Bible for Unitarians* with Rev. Carley meets on four Tuesdays beginning Sept. 29 from 7:30 to 9 pm at the east Memphis home of the Jennings. Read *Mark* for first session. Register by calling the church office at 526-8631. Tuition is \$15.

CHECK OUT OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR JOINING SUPPER CLUB.

Join us in the Ms. River Rm. after church for a brown bag lunch to benefit Diversity Memphis. Sign up to sponsor or for the walk at 1:30 p.m.