

ORDER OF SERVICE

"It takes a certain maturity of mind to accept that nature works as steadily in rust as in roses." -- Esther Warner Dendel

PRELUDE **Ballade #4, Op. 10. #4** -- J. Brahms

INTROIT **Spirit of Love** -- Herbert Colvin

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 448 (Tashi Wischmeyer, chalice lighter)

* HYMN Number 298 (standing) **Wake, Now, My Senses**

RESPONSIVE READING Number 667 (standing) -- Ecclesiastes

* 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 Luke 15:11-32 (Lost in discontent.)

* INTERLUDE **Ballade #2, Op. 10 #2** -- J. Brahms

READING The parable of the discontented rabbi.

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

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

ANTHEM **Here I Am Lord** -- Dan Schutte

OFFERTORY **Nocturne in E Minor, Op. 72 No. 1** (posthumous)
-- F. Chopin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN Number 304 (standing) **A Fierce Unrest**

SERMON **Discontent**
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 Potter Wing to discuss *The Evolution of God* by Robert Wright. 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.

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.

NEXT WEEK IS THE OBJECT LESSON AND BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY. Q & A TIME FOR VISITORS WITH REV & PREZ IN BEACON RM.

Today is the Ministry Fair. Come and check out all the ways to become involved at COR while enjoying good fellowship and refreshments.