

ORDER OF SERVICE

"The Holy cannot be bound to an image of God. God dies to us so that the Holy can rise again." -- bc (20-21st century Unitarian theologian)

PRELUDE *Indian Summer* -- Victor Herbert

INTROIT *Welcome! Welcome!* -- Traditional Shaker greeting

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 493 (Caitlin Lloyd, chalice lighter)

* HYMN Number 23 (standing) *Bring Many Names*

RESPONSIVE READING Number 641 (standing) *The Heart of the Torah*

* 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 Psalm 42 (Where is your God?)

* INTERLUDE *Chanson Triste*, Op. 40, No. 2 -- P. Tchaikovsky

READING from *The Case for God* -- Karen Armstrong

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

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

ANTHEM *With a Voice of Singing* -- Martin Shaw; Paula Turner conducts

OFFERTORY *Suzanne* -- Leonard Cohen; P. Cook, guitar & River Ringers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN Number 8 (standing) *Mother Spirit, Father Spirit*

SERMON *The Future of God*
The Reverend Burton D. Carley

CHORAL RESPONSE *Gift of Love* -- Hal Hopson

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Album Leaf*, Op. 44, No. 1 -- Max Reger

* 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 November is Alice Fleming at 755-3418.

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 Carol Straughn at 387-4850. 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 COMPLETE A CANVASS CARD AND RETURN IT TO THE CANVASS TEAM TABLE.

STONE SOUP is next Sunday. Bring a cup of vegetables and a cup of fruit for our recreation of the miracle of stone soup as we celebrate Thanksgiving.

Sunday, Dec. 6, we will recognize new members and have a special reception afterwards. There will also be a Betsy jewelry trunk show.

Something Good in Memphis: Pick up a MIFA card on the Welcome Table and nominate a friend, neighbor, colleague or Church of the River member whose daily efforts or wonderful deeds embody the true spirit of positive action in our community.

The Choir practices on Tuesday at 7:30 in the Sanctuary.

Today at Evergreen Presbyterian Church, 613 University Drive, 3:30 pm, is a CONCERT FOR PEACE with the MasterSingers Chorale and Memphis Symphony Orchestra. Admission is \$10.00.