

*Celebration of Abraham Lincoln's Visit to
First Congregational United Church of Christ*

September 27, 2009

9:50 a.m.

Gathering Music

1st Brigade Band

“O, God, Our Help in Ages Past” & “In Heavenly Love Abiding”

We invite you to allow the music to settle your spirit and prepare your heart for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

* Please stand if you are able or rise in Spirit

Prelude:

“Abide with Me”

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Call to Worship: *How Did Abraham Lincoln Come to Visit First Congregational?*

* Call to Worship through Music:

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.

All the blessings of the field, All the stories the gardens yield,
All the fruits in full supply, Ripened 'neath the summer sky,
All that spring with bounteous hand Scatters o'er the smiling land,
All that liberal autumn pours From her rich o'er-flowing stores.

Gettysburg Address

These sacred, historic words remind us of the wisdom, courage, and humility Lincoln led our country.

Response:

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Please remain seated

These to thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow;
All for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home; Come to God's own temple,
come;
Raise the song of harvest home. Amen.

Opening Prayer

A Story for All Ages

Following the story for All Ages, All children are invited to our Christian Education time. Our classrooms are located on the second floor for the education wing.

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 19 (Pg. 433)

Sermon:

Rev. John Eyster

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

Rededicating our Lives and our Resources:

Please remember that everyone has a gift to share. In honor of the many gifts we all bring, each person is invited to hold the offering plate this morning.

Offertory:

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*Doxology: (Tune: "Old Hundredth" Words: Isaac Watts)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore. One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication:

* Closing Hymn:

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful light-ning of his terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

Chorus: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me; As he died to make us holy, let us die to make all free!

While God is marching on.

Chorus: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

* Benediction: ***Abraham Lincoln's Farewell Speech at the Springfield Train Depot***

Postlude:

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"Marche du Sacre" & On Our Way Rejoicing"

Please be seated and allow the music to send you forth with God's blessings.

Please join us for a celebration luncheon downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following our worship service.