



**SAN MARINO CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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“Never place a period where God has placed a COMMA,  
God is STILL SPEAKING!”**

**September 27, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.      26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*For Reflection*  
“Whoever is not against us is for us.  
For truly I tell you,  
Whoever gives a cup of water to drink  
Because you bear the name of Christ  
Will by no means lose the reward.”  
*(Jesus – Mark 9:40-41)*

*Please stop by the Sound Booth if you wish to use a sound receiver today.  
You are invited to watch the screen up front to increase your participation in today’s service of worship.  
\*The asterisk indicates the times when you are invited to stand if the Spirit so moves you.*

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

Music provided by Albert Mendoza and Murray Middleman

**WELCOME**

Rev. Gene Boutilier, Guest Preacher

**\*SONGS FOR THE SPIRIT**

**“Morning Has Broken”  
“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Daryl Burns

Liturgist: Good morning, Great Creator. You are Merciful and Compassionate.

**PEOPLE: You alone are God and we are your people.**

Liturgist: We marvel at your wondrous ways. We stand in awe of your magnificent power.

**PEOPLE: Thank you for awakening us to this day.**

Liturgist: We come into your House of Prayer and give you praise. You have broken the chains of bondage and sin.

**PEOPLE: You have freed us from traps of indifference.**

Liturgist: You have opened our eyes and ears to receive your Word. Speak to us, O God.

**PEOPLE: We are listening for your still-speaking voice.**

Liturgist: Move your people from this sanctuary and send us into the streets as voices of hope and instruments of peace.

**PEOPLE: Encourage us to follow Christ’s Great Commission.**

**ALL: We are not afraid. We are not ashamed. We are not apologetic of our faith and hope in you, O God. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Hallelujah. Shalom. Salaam. RIGHT ON!  
Amen.**

**\*A SONG FOR THE HEART**

**“I Thank You, Jesus”**

*The Congregation may be seated.*

**HONORING GUYLAINE BOUCHARD**

Donald Shenk & Holly Burns and  
The United Voices

**“Je l’ourai l’Eternel”**

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN  
OUR COMMON PRAYER  
MUSIC TO BLESS THE CHILDREN**

Rev. Gene Boutilier

*“O God, who art in heaven...”*

*“Children Welcome”*

*Children and Youth are welcome to join our Sunday School and Children Worship & Wonder program! After the children's time, children aged 3 through those in 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to process downstairs to the Wonder Room and those in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to the Green Room. Childcare for children under age 4 is available in our nursery today with trained and certified childcare provider, Mrs. Barbara Sanchez. When these programs finish, children and youth will be brought up to social time.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
Mark 12:28-34

Daryl Burns

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*“Hope”*

The United Voices of San Marino

Words by Emily Dickinson & Anna Blak Mezquida, Music by Mark Burrows

**REFLECTIONS**

**“Our Hope for Years to Come  
(History, Religion and Common Sense)”**

Rev. Gene Boutilier,  
Guest Preacher

**A TIME TO GIVE**

Daryl Burns

**A TIME TO ACT**

Donald Shenk

**A TIME TO DEDICATE OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS**

Daryl Burns

O God, receive this offering from your people. We are returning what belongs to you. Thank you for your blessings. Thank you for the joy and gladness that come from this moment of sharing. Bless your people in all places; bless this congregation and the United Church of Christ as we dedicate ourselves and our gifts to you. Amen.

**A TIME FOR PRAYER**

*“God Fill Me Now”*

Prayer time led by Rev. Gene Boutilier

**SENDING HYMN**

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

Hymnal, #25

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Gene Boutilier

**\*CHANGING OF THE LIGHT**

Daryl Burns

**\*GOING FORTH**

Instrumentalists

Everyone is welcome to the SOCIAL TIME next door in Crist Hall after the service.

**We express a warm welcome to all who are here today!**

**This Church is affiliated with the United Church of Christ, a denomination dedicated to spiritual growth, faith with action and social transformation. If you're visiting today, please stop by our Visitor's Center in the Entryway to sign our Guest Book, fill out a visitor card (with nametag so we can greet you by name) and receive information about everything happening here.**

**You are welcome to contribute to the Liz Cameron Memorial Fund by using one of the envelopes provided at the Visitor's Center. Proceeds to this fund go towards helping those in need in our community with gifts of food and clothing.**

*Please note: In an effort to control the spread of any germs - as we approach what we're told is a highly likely virulent flu season - we invite you to utilize the hand sanitizer provided for you at the*

Nametag table. Thanks to our concerned members who have provided this opportunity.



**CALLING ALL MEN!** Now is the time for men to come together and share their stories. This is an unprecedented moment in which men find themselves experiencing unusual events. It is a time of

celebration and a period of sorrow. Some are in the best days of their lives while others are struggling just to make ends meet. If ever there were a time when men needed to come together that time is now!

**Monday, October 5, 2009, at 7:00pm** has been set aside just for men to come together at San Marino Congregational United Church of Christ. Men will meet in the Art Room off the church parking lot on Del Mar Avenue just south of Huntington Drive.

There are times when men need to talk. They spend a lot of time thinking about things that are taking place in their lives. Sometimes they spend a lot of time with stuff on their minds. They forget there are other men going through the exact same things they are facing. They create islands within themselves that separate them from others. They don't have to do that all the time.

How many times have men wondered whether anyone else cares about what they are feeling, thinking, or experiencing? Have you ever felt a desire to share something that is really important to you, but you just didn't know who to tell?

Sometimes men get lost within themselves and can't figure out how to find their way back. It takes them away from family and friends. They lose time and can jeopardize their health. It is a wasted effort.

The Monday Men's Meeting offers an opportunity to explore the world in the company of other men. "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

Mark your calendar and make it your intention to join the Monday Men's Meeting. Bring a friend, co-worker, partner, son, or buddy.

This week we welcome a man of courage, faith, and hope to the pulpit. Our friend and brother Gene Boutilier is leading us in worship. Gene brings great gifts of ministry and music. His commitment to Christ and justice has been demonstrated throughout the decades of his presence in Southern California. We are pleased and thankful to have him lead us in worship with the spoken Word. Gene, thank you for being with us.

-Pastor Art Cribbs

***A special "THANK YOU!" to Marcia Albrecht for coordinating ticket sales to a great baseball game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants. We had five carloads of terrific fans! Way to go, Marcia!***

***Also, a big THANK YOU to Carol Barrett for organizing a fun and successful baby shower for Michelle, Bret, Brandon, and Maya Naylor. Lots of delicious food and an array of beautiful presents. Super job, Carol!!!***

## What's Happening...

- **TODAY:** 3pm - **SECRETS OF A SOCCER MOM** in StillSpeaking Theatre
- **TUESDAY:** 7pm - **SOUL FOOD.** Explore the Word of God and share your life's journey in a safe, open environment. Feed your soul and strengthen our congregation by attending SOUL FOOD.
- **THURS:** 7pm – **The United Voices choir** meets in the sanctuary for rehearsal.
- **SATURDAY:** 8pm - **SECRETS OF A SOCCER MOM San Marino Night** in StillSpeaking Theatre.



- **SUNDAY:** 3pm - **SECRETS OF A SOCCER MOM Soccer Mom Day** in StillSpeaking Theatre.

*These and other important announcements are available to you in the weekly e-mail, "About Our Folk."*

*Send an email to: [smccucc@sanmarinoucc.org](mailto:smccucc@sanmarinoucc.org) if you would like to be included on the list.*

**Please note:** Pastor Art is currently on a study trip to Mexico and will then be attending a UCC Task Force meeting and will not be in the office or the pulpit from Sept. 25 through Oct. 5. During his absence, pastoral care is being provided by the Rev. Gene Boutilier (September 27 through Oct. 1) and the Rev. Susan Garet (Oct 2-5). Please contact the church office for contact information for either of these pastors.

## Coming UP...

- **Men's Group** meets on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Art Room
- **Family Camp at Pilgrim Pines** weekend of October 9 - 11. Self-register at [www.pilgrimpinescamp.org](http://www.pilgrimpinescamp.org)
- **Member Orientation Mtg.** 10am to 1pm on Saturday, Oct. 17 Fireside Room
- **Emergency Preparation Seminar** at 7pm on Oct. 20 Art Room
- **Central Association Meeting** at Arcadia Congregational UCC on October 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am.
- **SPIRE newsletter deadline** October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **The Spirit & The Screen**, Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the theatre – *The 7 Faces of Dr. Lao*.
- **Joint Worship Service with Refiner's Fire Fellowship** here on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>