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**“Never place a period where God has placed a COMMA,
God is STILL SPEAKING!”**

Welcome to ALL GOD’S FAMILY *intergenerational* worship!

October 4, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For Reflection

**Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!
All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.
To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.
No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.
Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.
Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and beautiful.
Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
and clouds and storms, and all the weather,
through which you give your creatures sustenance.
Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water;
she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.
Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you brighten the night.
He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong.
Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth,
who feeds us and rules us,
and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.
Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks,
and serve him with great humility.
*The Canticle of the Sun. by Francis of Assisi***

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

Donald Shenk, Director of Music

***SONGS FOR THE SPIRIT**

**“Morning Has Broken”
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Faith Van Horsen

Liturgist: We give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for all that you have made.

PEOPLE: We give you thanks and praise, O God.

Liturgist: For the healing waters of creation, which bring health, purity and life,
PEOPLE: We give you thanks and praise, O God.
 Liturgist: For the richness of the Earth that brings forth bountiful fruits and flowers.
PEOPLE: We give you thanks and praise, O God.
 Liturgist: For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the Earth, the gliding fish in the sea.
PEOPLE: We give you thanks and praise, O God.
 Liturgist: For the invigorating sunlight of day, the deepening mystery of night, the wonder of the stars, and the call of the unknown in the universe,
PEOPLE: We give you thanks and praise, O God.

***A SONG FOR THE HEART**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

The Congregation may be seated.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Rev. Susan Garet, Guest Preacher

OUR COMMON PRAYER

“O God, who art in heaven...”

MUSIC TO BLESS THE CHILDREN

“Children Welcome”

***Children and Youth are invited to participate in today’s worship service.
 Childcare for children under age 4 is available in our nursery today
 with trained, certified childcare provider, Mrs. Barbara Sanchez.***

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

Faith Van Horsen

CHORAL ANTHEM

“The Blue Green Hills of Earth”

The United Voices of San Marino

By Kim Oler, Arranged by David Haas

REFLECTIONS

“What a Piece of Work is Man”

Rev. Susan Garet, Guest Preacher

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“What a Piece of Work is Man”

Soloist: Ann Simon

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

We Sing

“Jesus Took the Bread”

Verses 1, 2 & 3 (Hymnal #343)

We Commemorate

Words of Institution and Our Common Prayer

We Share

All are invited to the communion table.

*We use **grape juice** so that everyone may feel included.*

(If you prefer to be served in your seat, please raise your hand, and a Deacon will serve you.)

We Listen

Special Music for Communion by Albert Mendoza

We Give Thanks

Rev. Susan Garet

Creator God, we thank you for the gracious host who welcomed us to this table just as we are. Thank you for the nourishment of living bread that never goes stale, that has no expiration date. Thank you for a cup of blessing that never drains empty, that quenches the deepest thirst of our spirits. Thank you for the companionship shared at your table, for the fellowship of faith that makes friends of strangers. For communion with you and with one another, we offer our heartfelt thanks. Amen.

A TIME TO GIVE

Faith Van Horsen & Rev. Cathy Kotowski

A TIME TO ACT

Donald Shenk

A TIME TO DEDICATE OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Faith Van Horsen

Generous God, you have blessed us with the resources to share the good news of your love for all creation. We dedicate these gifts and pray that they may bring healing, wholeness, and hope to the world, that future generations may also know your graciousness and love. Amen.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

“God Fill Me Now”

Prayer time led by Rev. Susan Garet

SENDING HYMN

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

Hymnal, #569

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Susan Garet

***CHANGING OF THE LIGHT**

Faith Van Horsen

***GOING FORTH**

Instrumentalists

Everyone is welcome to the SOCIAL TIME next door in Crist Hall after the service.
Thanks to Connie James-Gililand for treating us today.

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.



A new men’s fellowship starts this week at San Marino Congregational United Church of Christ and it is open to all men whether or not you attend the church. Working without a name, agenda, or stated purpose, the first meeting will provide an opportunity for men to come together and experience the value and joy of sharing stories and journeys.

The idea for the men’s meeting goes back almost 15 years when a group of six men in San Francisco decided to spend an evening with a young man who was released from San Quentin Prison in Marin County on New Year’s Day 1995.

That young man walked out the prison gates as a free person for the first time in more than a decade. He had determined for himself his life of crime was over and he wanted to dedicate himself to helping and serving others. The world had changed during the time he had spent incarcerated.

He was 30 years old when he left prison. Nearly half his life had been spent bouncing from one penal institution to another. Crime and prison defined who he was until he decided to change. One step on his journey to freedom and a life without crime was to start over with new and different people.

The six men who agreed to meet and talk with him discovered more about themselves than they learned from the ex-convict. Seated around a table talking and listening for a couple of hours revealed a reservoir of experiences that welled up inside each of them. They wanted more time to talk. They needed to come together again.

That first meeting resulted in forming the Monthly Men’s Meeting. The six men grew into 45. They ranged in age from 15 to 75 years old. They were professional and unemployed. They were Asian, Black, Chicano, and White. They traveled across bridges, took buses, and drove to the monthly meetings. Strangers became friends. Elders mentored youth. Some created business partnerships. Once a month the men came together and shared what was going on in their lives.

Monday, October 5, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. men are invited to come together in the Art Room downstairs.

The Monday Men's Meeting offers an opportunity to explore the world in the company of other men. Make it your intention to join the Monday Men's Meeting. Bring a friend, co-worker, partner, son, or buddy.

This week we welcome the Reverend Susan Garet back to the pulpit. Susan is a long time member of San Marino Congregational United Church of Christ. She has blessed us with her ministerial and pastoral gifts for many years. A resident of San Marino, her children attended local schools and grew up in this community. We are fortunate to have her return as our preacher and worship leader. Extend warm hospitality and offer your prayers as she brings God Word. Susan, thank you for being with us.

-Pastor Art Cribbs

What's Happening...

- **TODAY:** **Adult Bible Study** meets downstairs in The Green Room after worship
3pm - SECRETS OF A SOCCER MOM in StillSpeaking Theatre
- **MONDAY** **7pm- MEN'S GROUP** meets in the Art Room
- **TUESDAY:** **7pm - 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.



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 5th at 7pm in the Art Room
- **Family Camp at Pilgrim Pines** weekend of October 9 - 11. Self-register at 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 24th beginning at 9am.
- **SPIRE newsletter deadline** October 23rd
- **The Spirit & The Screen**, Saturday October 24th at 7pm in the theatre – *The 7 Faces of Dr. Lao.*
- **Joint Worship Service with Refiner's Fire Fellowship** here on Sunday, October 25th