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**“Never place a period
Where God has placed a comma”**
[Gracie Allen]
God is still speaking,

October 14, 2007 – 10:00 a.m. 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Please stop by the Sound Booth if you wish to use a sound receiver today.

For Reflection

**“Seek the welfare of the city
Where I have sent you into exile,
And pray to the Lord on its behalf,
For in its welfare
You will find your welfare.”**
(Jeremiah 29:7)

**The asterisk indicates the times when you are invited to stand if the Spirit so moves you.*

You are invited to watch the screen up front to increase your participation in worship today.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

The Choir & The Band
Acolyte: Faith Van Horsen

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Ross King

Loving God, Merciful God, your people are in your House. We lift our voices in praise to you for you are our God and we are your people. We come to give you thanks for the miracle of life and the gift of health. We are grateful for your goodness and mercy that endure forever. You are patient with us and you trust us, even more than we can believe. Thank you, Great Creator, for your Holy Spirit that gives us peace in times of trouble and comfort when our souls are in great pain. Hallelujah! Shalom! Salaam! Right on! Amen.

***SONGS OF THE SPIRIT**

Congregation

“O Lord, Our Lord How Majestic is Your Name in All the Earth”

The congregation may be seated.

“I Sing Praises to Your Name”

OUR COMMON LIFE

Ross King

A Time to Give/A Time to Act

A Time to Dedicate Ourselves and Our Gifts

We bring a mere portion of your gifts and place them on your altar. Thank you for your blessings and the many ways you show your love. Give us cheerful hearts as we gladly bless your mission through the ministries of this congregation and the United Church of Christ. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts to you. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Story

“Ten Percent”

Pastor Art Cribbs

Our Common Prayer

*Children are welcome to proceed downstairs to their sanctuary at this time
for CHILDREN WORSHIP AND WONDER.
Miss Barbara is available to care for the youngest children.*

Music to Bless the Children

“Thank you,” everyone who made a contribution to this very worthy opportunity to support a vision of hope and life. Thank you, San Marino Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, for looking beyond our sanctuary and touching the lives of strangers in a distant land. Through your generosity, children in villages will have safe drinking water at their schools. Water for Children Africa intends to deliver up to 41 tanks in several countries. While our membership at San Marino UCC is small, we possess big hearts and a large spirit of glad hospitality.

It is our prayer God will shine mercy on us and bless the people who will receive the new water tanks. We also pray God will bring much needed rain to those regions ravaged by drought. We pray God’s grace will surround all of us and bind us closer together.

Although we may not know the full extent of our efforts to join the very fine work of Water for Children Africa, we were blessed to have learned of that effort and to have contributed our financial support to help reach its goals. There is a warm, wonderful feeling that fills our souls when we realize how important it is to share resources and then give as we are able.

Imagine the possibilities when more money is spent to build communities and strengthen lives rather than pouring public funds into weapons of mass destruction and systems of war. If we were to shift our priorities away from defense spending and put a greater emphasis on world peace, a new ‘coalition of the willing’ could be formed to address and eliminate poverty. We know this is possible. The amount of dollars wasted every day to escalate violence demonstrates we have enough money to improve living conditions for every person on the planet, without exception. When will we have the will to do it? What will it take?

It is my prayer people will sprint toward the goal line of providing water, food, medicine, clothing, and shelter wherever they are necessary. Instead of bullets, we can deliver life-saving technologies; instead of warriors, we can deploy humanitarians and people of goodwill; instead of building boundaries and borders, we will construct bridges, roads, schools, hospitals, homes, and centers for spiritual growth. One step has been taken by everyone who gave to Water for Children Africa. Thank you!

-Pastor Art Cribbs

Upcoming Events...

- NEXT Sunday, Oct. 21 – A Blessing of the Animals – a special time to honor the relationship we have with our animals; a community wide event to be held in our parking lot after worship.
- Saturday, October 27 – “A Place for Me in the UCC” – Member orientation for new members, present members and those considering membership! 10am to 2pm with lunch provided.



- The Spirit & The Screen film club presents, “**The 2nd Annual Costume Extravaganza and Mystery Movie!**” Costumes are not required but essential if you hope to snag a fabulous prize. Kid-friendly alternative programming will be available for those with little ones in tow. Come, join the fun on Saturday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m. in The Stillspeaking Theatre. spooooky!



- Sunday, October 28 – Outgoing conference minister, Rev. Daniel Romero will preach and we’ll celebrate Pastor Art’s birthday!
- Saturday, Nov. 3 @ 8pm and Sunday, Nov. 4 @ 3pm – A visiting production of “Awaiting Judgment” by Art Cribbs will be presented by the Common Ground Theatre in our new Stillspeaking Theatre.