

UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Worship Service

July 25, 2010

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY CHURCH

INVITATIONS TO MINISTRY

(Please sign and pass the clipboards to your neighbor.)

THE PRELUDE: Simple Gifts

Shaker Song, arr. by Aaron Copland  
Sung by Mark Miller

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God is a God of mystery.

**The holiness of God is God's own.**

God is a God of truth.

**The wisdom of God is perfect.**

God is a God of judgment.

**The justice of God is without error.**

God is a God of compassion and caring.

**The love of God draws us through Christ Jesus into intimate fellowship with God.**

\*THE OPENING HYMN: How Firm a Foundation

Hymnal #407

(\*Indicates when those who are able may stand.)

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF GENERAL CONFESSION

**O holy God, giver of life, through our relationship in Christ Jesus we have been offered many gifts: freedom is ours but we want no restrictions; hope is ours but we want a guarantee; joy is ours but we want it immediately; peace is ours but we want to hoard it; love is ours but we can't believe it.**

**Forgive us for placing our wants above Your grace, for limiting Your goodness by our selfishness, for expecting quick answers to eternal verities. Come, O God, forgive us, make us new.**

~ THE SILENCE ~

THE PRAYER FOR PARDON

THE PRAYER CHRIST TAUGHT US

(We say this prayer in several different ways in University Church. You choose the way that suits your faith: "Father, Mother, God who art in heaven..." "forgive us our trespasses/sins/debts..." "Thy Kingdom/Reign come..." The words are yours, but the prayer is ours as a people of faith.)

GATHERING OF FOOD: Take My Gifts

Hymnal #462

(Contributions are shared between the Interfaith Council's Food Pantry, the Food for Life program at First Presbyterian Church, and the AIDS food program: Vital Bridges.)

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(After each joy or concern is announced, we will pray silently together.)

THE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

**O God, we rarely understand Your ways and Your will for those we love. So, we come before You with humble hearts, asking for strength for those who are weak, healing for those who are ill, peace for those who are troubled, and joy for those who are sorrowful. Please answer our prayers according to Your grace and providence. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Deep River

Negro Spiritual, arr. by H.T.. Burleigh

Sung by Mark Miller

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-3

This is what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

**Thanks be to God!**

**(Children in kindergarten and above are invited to go at this time to Junior Church in the library.)**

THE SERMON: "Taken Captive By Deceit"

Eugene H. Winkler



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Copies of the Church Profile** prepared by our Search Committee for distribution to interested candidates for the pastor's position here can be found on the east aisle table.

**THURSDAY, JULY 29** - Outreach Committee

Meeting, Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

### Social Hour

Immediately following worship, you are invited to the social hour in our dining room located on our first floor, adjacent to the sanctuary entrance. You are important to us. Please join us for snacks and conversation. Hosting today: Melinda Berry

**SEE INSERT!!** Your chance to make a difference! Your chance to add your talents and efforts to those of others at University

**THE LONG AWAITED DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!!!** Stop by the east aisle table and pick up yours.

**UNIVERSITY CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!!!** .....to sign up for social hour. Lighten the load! Pick a friend or two and do it together. The sign-up sheets are hanging on the dining room wall. **OPEN DATES:** Aug. 1, 8, 29. Hosting Social Hour can be as simple or as elaborate as you want, but usually involves bringing and setting up snacks for about 75 people. **It can, and should be, very simple fare. Some cookies and/or crackers to go with the coffee and punch.** The coffee and lemonade mix are provided. This followed by clean up. It's a great way to participate in the life of our church! **Please pick a Sunday (or two) in 2010 today.**

THERE ARE COPIES OF THE MOST RECENT MESSENGERS ON THE EAST AISLE TABLE

The church is again collecting Campbell product labels. PLEASE REMOVE THE LABEL SO THAT THE UPC BARCODE IS INTACT. There is a collection box on the east aisle table. Thank you for your help.

The church yellow pages will also be found on the **Church website: [UniversityChurchChicago.org](http://UniversityChurchChicago.org)**  
You can use this source if you are unable to be in Church. We will do our best to keep them updated.

COPIES OF DR. WINKLER'S RECENT SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE.

From Christian Peacemaker Teams: Pray for those organizing the Women and People's Summit of the Americas Against Militarization. This coalition, including Christian Peacemaker Teams, is meeting in Colombia in August "in defense of life and sovereignty."  
More information? Contact [peacemakers@cpt.org](mailto:peacemakers@cpt.org)

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, July 25:** "Taken Captive By

Deceit," Eugene H. Winkler preaching

**Sunday, August 1:** "Be Rich Toward God,"

The Rev. Brittany Barber preaching;

Communion; Social Justice Committee meeting, 12:15 p.m.

**Sunday, August 8:** "Definitions of Faith,"

Eugene H. Winkler preaching; Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m. in the library;

Messenger Deadline

**Sunday, August 15:** Communion

**Sunday, August 22:** "Something That

Cannot Be Touched," Eugene H. Winkler preaching

**Sunday, August 29:** Michele Edwards

preaching