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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> Dudley Oakes	Healey Willan
GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Peter Dennebaum
CALL TO WORSHIP		Nancy Withbroe
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	NCH, #277
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		Nancy Withbroe
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Nancy Withbroe

*(we begin with silence)*

God of wisdom, we confess that we stand by while your creation is stained with the spills of our greed. We watch the pelicans struggle in the muck, the turtles straining to swim through the mess, the filthy smoke billowing into the sky. We feel helpless and forget the wisdom you have bestowed upon us. Help us to honor your creation by speaking out for justice and inspiring all to turn away from despair. Cleanse our souls as tenderly as you rinse the tiniest crab and purify the most glorious oceans.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE		Nancy Withbroe
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\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*(kids may leave for a Sunday school)*

ANTHEM	<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i> FCC Choir	George Oldroyd
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**PROCLAIMING**

SCRIPTURE READINGS	Prov 8:1-4,22-31	Nancy Withbroe
*SERMON HYMN	<i>Halleluja</i>	NCH, #236
SERMON	A spirit-filled movement for LGBT equality Acts 19: 1-7	Harry Knox please see insert

**RESPONDING**

OFFERING	Peter Dennebaum
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\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**WELCOME OF VISITORS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")*

Our God, 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.

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Praise with Joy the World's Creator</i>	NCH, #273
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\*BENEDICTION  
Harry Knox

POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata from Symphony V</i> Dudley Oakes	C. M. Widor
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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

NCH = New Century Hymnal

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**Preacher:** Harry Knox is a member of First Congregational Church. Harry is the founding director of the Religion and Faith Program of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender advocacy organization. He served on President Obama's first Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. He and his husband Mike Bozeman live in Silver Spring, MD.

**Lay Leader:** Nancy Withbroe was born into the UCC and has been a member of this congregation since 1997. She will soon be joining the fundraising staff of Share Our Strength, a national nonprofit working to end childhood hunger in America by 2015. She lives with her husband Paul Smolinsky and their two boys in Takoma Park, MD.

**Birthdays:**

May 30 Ruth Shinn, Mary Layne  
June 1 Liz Warren  
June 4 Peter Tracey  
June 5 Sam Brylawski

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

2:00 pm Fellowship Hour.  
2:30 pm Nurture lead by Harry Knox: "Action Items for LGBT Equality 2010"

**Monday, May 31 - Office is closed**  
Deadline for Gabriel's Horn

**Tuesday, June 1**  
7:00 pm Social Action & Awareness Commission

**Wednesday, June 2**  
4:30 pm Volunteers at Thrive DC

**Thursday, June 3**  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, June 6**  
12:00 pm Bible Workbench  
1:00 pm Worship Service  
Sunday School will lead the Service  
2:00 pm Fellowship Hour Hosts: Byron Adams, Marie Rietmann, Laura Mecagni, Michael Zawada

**Ministers:**  
Peter Dennebaum  
Ron Hopson

**Interim Music Director:**  
Dudley Oakes

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Multiracial and Multicultural Congregation  
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**"A spirit-filled movement for LGBT equality"**

**May 30, 2010 – Sunday after Pentecost**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****Prov 8:1-4,22-31**

Nancy Withbroe

8 Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
2 On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
3 beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
4 'To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.  
22 You created me at the beginning of Your work,  
the first of Your acts of long ago.  
23 Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
25 Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
26 when You had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
27 When You established the heavens, I was there,  
when You drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
28 when You made firm the skies above,  
when You established the fountains of the deep,  
29 when You assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress Your command,  
when You marked out the foundations of the earth,  
30 then I was beside You, like a master worker;  
and I was daily Your delight,  
rejoicing before You always,  
31 rejoicing in Your inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

**Acts 19: 1-7**

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.'  
<sup>3</sup> Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.'  
<sup>4</sup> Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.'  
<sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
<sup>6</sup> When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—  
<sup>7</sup> altogether there were about twelve of them.