

Service of Divine Worship

Palm Sunday

Liturgist: Walter Hoffman

March 28, 2010

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

"Hail to the King!"

Paxton

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Introit

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
And I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
All in the love-light of Jesus' face.**

**Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
One of his heralds, yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"**

*Time of Greeting and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration and Choral Amen

Praise to God

*Hymn

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

No. 135

*Responsive Call to Worship (*Texts from Hymn No. 134, "Outside the Holy City"*)

Liturgist: Once more beside a city the Son of David waits,

People: Once more the children throng to bring a welcome at the gates.

Liturgist: Within are hearts sore burdened and feet that go astray;

People: O Christ of God, come near and walk our city streets today!

Liturgist: A distant music mingles with all our songs today,

People: The chorale from a city fair where sin has passed away.

Liturgist: There rides the Christ triumphant and victor songs ring clear;

People: O God, give us the strength to build with Christ that city here!

*Gloria Patri

Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Liturgist

Holy and Sovereign God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus, who rode in triumph into the holy city of Jerusalem, hailed a King and Messiah by adoring crowds. May we, who continue to proclaim Christ as Messiah, Redeemer, Lord and King, be courageous and faithful to follow him in the way of suffering and the cross, asking your forgiveness for those times when we have turned aside from his way. We confess that we are prone to be as fickle as the crowds of Holy Week, so come among us and turn our hearts this day to enter into Christ's Passion and death, so we too may enter into his resurrection and glory; in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"Near the Cross Suite"

Larson

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading (Liturgist)

Luke 19:28-40 {Page #957 of Pew Bible}

Meditation

THE LORD NEEDS IT

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology

*The Offertory Prayer

Preparation for Obedience in the World

Our service will continue as we march to the Old Court House for a few minutes of closing worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ from participating churches.



NOTE: Ushers will provide palm branches and bulletins for this brief community service.

*The Benediction (Unison)

Liturgist

May the road rise to meet us, May the sun always be at our backs. May the sun shine warm upon our faces and the rain fall gently upon our fields. And until we meet again, May God hold us safely in the palm of his hand. Amen.

*Postlude

"Fling Wide the Gates"

Stainer

***Those who are able please stand**

WE WELCOME VISITORS who are attending our service of worship today. **EVERYONE** is requested to sign the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. We request visitors also to note their addresses and telephone numbers.

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Louise Leonard and Jacob Calvin Leonard, Jr. by their daughters, Rhonnie and Merle.

USHERS: Steve Smith, Jerry Smith, John Hudson, Vicky Gray and Ted Smith

PLATE ATTENDANT: Roy Bevan

GREETERS: John and Jo Hudson

ACOLYTES: Holt Biesecker and Griff Smith

NURSERY (Birth through 6 years-old): Lynn and Lauren Klopp

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ronnie Durham, Jitter Yarbrough, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Catherine Leonard, Velna Swing, John Rollins, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Arlene Swing, Jacqueline Leonard, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Steve Murdock, Jules Bliss (Banks & Eulene's Grandson), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), Steve Myers (Jan Smith's close friend). To place a name on the prayer chain, please call Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.

March 14, 2010 Attendance (Worship 131)

Offering Received \$3,142.00

March 15, 2009 Attendance (Worship 129)

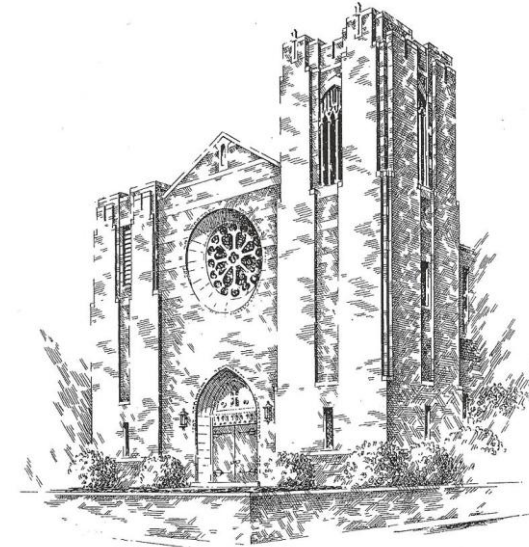
Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 28	9:45 a.m. ---Sunday School Classes For Everyone 11:00 a.m. ---Worship Service, 11:45 a.m. ---Process to Old Courthouse for Community Service 7:00 p.m. ----Joint UCC Palm Sunday Service {Hedricks Grove UCC}
Monday, March 29	6:00 p.m. ---Community Outreach Meeting {Fellowship Hall}
Tuesday, March 30	6:30 p.m. ---Search Committee Meeting {Men's Bible Class}
Wednesday, March 31	7:00 p.m. ---Adult Choir Practice {Education Bldg Choir Room}
Thursday, April 1	5:30 p.m. ---YOGA Class 7:00 p.m. ----Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion {Fellowship Hall}
Sunday, April 4	9:45 a.m. ---Joint Adult Sunday School {LESSON: SEEKERS CLASS} 10:20 a.m. ---Easter Social {HOSTS: ANNE & ROY BEVAN AND KIVI & EDGAR MILLER} 11:00 a.m. ---Worship Service
Tuesday, April 6	6:30 p.m. ---Board of Christian Education Meeting {Parlor}
Wednesday, April 7	11:00 a.m. ---Morning Glory Circle Meeting {Parlor}
Thursday, April 8	7:15 p.m. ---Living the Questions Study {Parlor}



Palm Sunday

United Church of Christ congregations of the **Davidson/Forsyth District** will gather at 7 p.m. tonight at Hedricks Grove United Church of Christ for a Palm Sunday Service of Worship. Confirmants from all churches will be recognized in the service. The speaker for the evening is Reverend Emmett Floyd, Transitional Interim Southern Conference Minister. A joint choir will meet at 5 p.m. to rehearse special music. There will be a reception following the evening's activities.

Maundy Thursday

Reverend Patten will lead a Maundy Thursday service in the fellowship hall, Thursday, April 1st at 7 p.m. This impressive service of Holy Communion will be a time of remembrance of the last week of Jesus' life with symbols and extinguishing of candles.



Maundy Thursday SERVICE

Deadline TODAY for Blowing Rock Church Retreat Deposit

FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH – SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH

The *second annual* First Reformed UCC church retreat is not that far away! Last year we had a wonderful time of fellowship and connected with people we really didn't know that well before the retreat. I strongly urge everyone to consider coming this year. If money is an issue holding you back, come see me, we will make it happen!! Fees for the entire weekend are: **Lodging: \$157.00 (2 people per room)**. Meals: ages 13 and up \$45.00; 5-12 years \$28.50; and 4 years and younger free. **A deposit of \$85.00 per couple and \$50.00 per individual is due TODAY.** Checks can be made payable to First Reformed UCC with '**Retreat**' written on the memo line. Payment can be placed in the offering plate, brought to the church office or given to Amy.

Touching Davidson County With Love

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE signup sheets are in the narthex. This year the leaders are trying to organize better by assigning set jobs to churches. The signup sheets are designed for a certain number of painters, yard workers, etc. from each church. If you have questions, please contact **Edgar Miller** at 336-899-0660 or edgarmiller@earthlink.net. (**NOTE:** Monday through Friday the sheets will be located on the table outside the church office.) Signup deadline is Easter Sunday, April 4th.



Touching DC With Love

Women's Life Fellowship

Need Help With



Your Grocery Bill?

At the April 20th meeting of Women's Life Fellowship, a program called "Coupon Makeover" will be presented by Angela Newsom. She will present ideas on clipping and storing coupons as well as ways to use the ads in the newspapers. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Please ask one or two of your friends or family to join us. We ask that you call the church office by April 16th to register so that we can plan for refreshments. Mark your calendars now and come enjoy a money saving program!

Women's Life Fellowship is hosting a **Spring Silent and Live Auction Luncheon on Sunday, April 18th**. All proceeds will benefit community mission work. Please let us know about any new or gently used items you can donate. The starting bid for all items will be \$10. If you want to donate something, please email kivi@ecoscribe.com or call Kivi Miller at 336-899-0660 with the item name, and a very brief description. We will also have a live auction of special services, skills, talents, or lessons from your church family and friends.

