

Service of Divine Worship

Worldwide Communion Sunday

October 3, 2010

Silent Meditation: *Please take the few moments it requires to read our Insert which celebrates our 2010 Neighbors In Need Offering which will be received today, "imagining another world is possible" with our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ around the globe --Rev. Patten*

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Toccatina" Callender
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
A Mission Moment Dave Fulton, Evangelism Board Co-Chairperson
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 1

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Let us acknowledge the company in which we meet:

People: The church on earth and in heaven;

Liturgist: The faithful who worshipped here before us;

People: The hundreds of thousands, millions, of every place and language

Liturgist: Who, on the Lord's Day, seek to set their lives

People: Within the atmosphere of renewing grace.

Liturgist: As we think of them, let us take deliberate encouragement

People: From our unity with them all.

*Gloria Patri

Unison Opening Prayer {Lyrics from Hymn #205} Liturgist

O God of all creation, you alone are God. And you alone can satisfy our longing for a support that earth cannot give and that heaven will not take away. Help us, in recognition of our common dependence on you, to acknowledge our need of one another. Let the oneness of our worship make us one in love and service; in the Name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Responsive Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Liturgist

Liturgist: Across the barriers that divide race from race:

People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Liturgist: Across the barriers that divide rich from poor:

People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Liturgist: Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures:

People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Liturgist: Across the barriers that divide Christians:

People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Liturgist: Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old:

People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross. Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears that deny and betray our prayers. Enable us to see the causes of strife, remove from us all senses of superiority. Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon --- Amen Sung (*Assurance: Ephesians 2:13-22*)

Witness of Faith

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer {*we pray debts*}

Children's Moment

Anthem

"Because He Lives"

Gaither

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading (Liturgist)

Ephesians 1:1-10 (Page #1064 of Pew Bible)

Meditation

HOW DISLOCATED PEOPLE BECOME LOCATED PEOPLE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and from Down Under, from every time zone around the globe. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. All are invited and all are welcome. Come, for the meal is ready!

Prayer of Preparation

One: To God be the glory: great things God has done! To prepare ourselves to partake of this Holy Meal, let us pray: Healing God, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking grace:

All: God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

One: God of Justice, we come before you selfish, yet seeking a generous heart; arrogant, yet seeking humility; responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

All: God, we yearn for the justice you promise.

One: God of Peace, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance; agitated, yet seeking serenity; angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart:

All: God, we yearn for the peace you promise.

One: Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to this communion table to be recreated through the bread and cup, and to be renewed in our faith and commitment.

All: God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you. This we pray through Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Preface & Thanksgiving

One: Loving and gracious God who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for our world. The diversity of our planet amazes us from the prairies and pampas of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia, from the majestic mountains of Europe to the vast outback of Australia. We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity with our complexity of color and culture, yet called into oneness-of-being through Christ. With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you saying:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

One: Loving and gracious God who surrounds creation with abundant love, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for your love, made known to us through Jesus, which reassures and reconciles us to you, to ourselves and to one another. As Christ is our light to you, may we be lights to others illuminating the path toward communion with you, the Holy Spirit and Jesus, our friend and brother. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Blessing of the Elements

One: God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

All: Bless this bread, we pray.

One: May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world.

All: Bless this cup, we pray.

One: May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.

Sharing the Elements

Bread: The bread of life, shared with you.

Cup: The cup of the New Covenant, shared with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(after communion)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ, giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer: Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day in which we worship and serve you. Amen.

Response through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings *(Please remember our NIN Special Offering and Envelopes)*

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

(The New Century Hymnal)

Refrain

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.***

***Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ the Child of God.***

***Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.***

***O Christ, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally.***

***Set up your throne, that earth's despair may cease,
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.***

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

People: Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

*The Benediction

*Postlude

“Bellevue”

From “The Sacred Harp” 1844

***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

Stephen Ministry

Recruiting letters were mailed to every household in the FRUCC membership roll last week. Only one letter was sent to each household, but the invitation is for every member who is 21 or older. We strongly urge each of you to consider prayerfully becoming a Stephen Minister. Your help is needed, and the rewards are great for you as well as the care recipients. We cannot succeed without you.

Anyone interested in becoming a Stephen Minister should contact John Barber at 336-249-4552 or punkbarber@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Our deadline for receiving applications is October 17, 2010. We will review the applications and schedule individual interviews beginning October 27 and ending November 12, 2010. Everyone selected will be notified very soon after the interviews have been completed.

We are planning to start the training process January 10, 2011. We will provide more details after the selection process has been completed.

Go to our website for the latest Stephen Ministry news!! **WE NEED YOU!!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 3	9:45 a.m. ---Joint Sunday School Class {Men's Bible Class} 10:20 a.m. ---SS Social {Hosts: Raeann & Brad Biesecker and Alisa & Keith Johnson} 11:00 a.m. --- Worship Service with HOLY COMMUNION and Neighbors In Need Special Offering 2-4 p.m. ---Community Candlelight Practice {Adult – FH --- Youth-Chapel}
Monday, October 4	6:30 p.m. ---Board of Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 p.m. ---Search Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. ---Stephen Ministry Leadership Team Meeting {Team Room}
Wednesday, October 6	11:00 a.m. ---Morning Glory Circle {Parlor} 5:30 p.m. ---Corner Café Play Practice {Parlor} 6:00 p.m. ---Children's Christmas Play Practice 7:00 p.m. ---Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}
Thursday, October 7	5:30 p.m. ---Yoga Class {Parlor}
Sunday, October 10	9:45 a.m. ---Sunday School Classes for Everyone 11:00 a.m. --- Worship Service (Reverend Patten's Last Sunday) Kids' Club Noon -----CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH & MEETING 1:30 p.m. ---Consistory Meeting

September 26, 2010 Attendance (Worship 109)
September 27, 2009 Attendance (Worship 101)

Offering Received \$2,489.00
Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

"PENNIES FROM HEAVEN" FALL CAMPAIGN

Participate in the Fall **Pennies from Heaven – Spare Change Changing Lives Campaign!** It's a fundraiser for Crisis Ministry of Davidson County to help meet operational costs. Collectively the change of many is helping to change the lives of those served by Crisis Ministry. What can you do to help? It's simple...**collect pocket change!** Drop donations in coin bottles located in the narthex and outside the church office.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2010



Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 10th. Yarborough's Restaurant is serving a delicious catered lunch in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service. **PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS by calling the church office at 248-2617** or filling out the form in your Sunday bulletin. Donations for lunch will be accepted at the door.

Following lunch there will be a time of recognition for **Reverend Walter Patten, Ph.D.** and his intentional interim ministry among us during this time between permanent pastors.

The Finance Committee, co-chaired by John Smith and Doug Sink, will present the proposed budget for 2011. All members are encouraged to be a part of this important process in the life of our church.



CATERED LUNCH RESERVATION

Reservations need to be made by Tuesday, October 5th. Please fill out the reservation form and drop in the offering plate or call the church office at 248-2617. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Name _____
Adults _____ Children: _____

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.

USHERS: Tom Danze, Susan Odom, Roy Bevan, and Jeff Hutchens

PLATE ATTENDANT: J.W. Bates

ACOLYTES: Mary Lloyd and Annabell Callicutt

GREETERS: Tom and Kathleen Danze

NURSERY (to 6 years-old): Nicole and Mark Smith

PRAYER CONCERNS: Velna Swing, Callie Kepley, Betty Potts, Ronnie Durham, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Arlene Swing, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Patricia Green (Myrtle Latimer's Daughter), Linda McDonald (Wanda's Family), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), and Terri Evans (Paul Freeman's Cousin). Please remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. To add a name for prayer, contact Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.



We express **SYMPATHY** to and share Christian hope with family and friends of Mrs. Theodore (Jacqueline) Leonard, a faithful church member. The flowers on the pedestals are in her memory.



The Finance Committee of First Reformed UCC is sponsoring a fundraiser on **Saturday, October 16th** that you will not want to miss. The Corner Café Mystery Dinner Theatre is presenting Mother Goose's Grim Tales (Definitely NOT for Little Children).

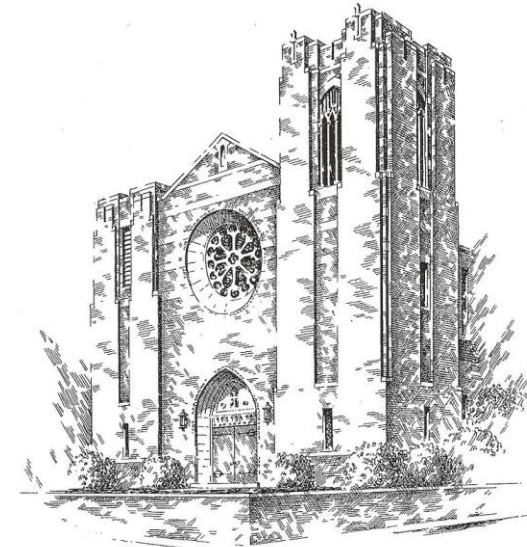
Even if you attended this comic presentation two years ago, you will still be guessing "who done it?" Parts of the play have been rewritten and characters are portrayed by different actors/actresses. Tickets include a steak dinner and the mystery play and are on sale to now (**see a Finance Committee member or contact the church office**). There are only 112 seats available. Purchase your ticket now!! **CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

Church Staff

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The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

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