

Service of Divine Worship

Veterans Memorial Sunday

Liturgist: Keri Hartle

May 30, 2010

Silent Meditations "...grief is not the end of all. I seem to hear the funeral march become a paeon. I see beyond the forest the moving banners of a hidden column. Our dead brothers still live for us, and bid us think of life, not death—of life to which in their youth they lent the passion and joy of the spring. As I listen, the great chorus of life and joy begins again, and amid the awful orchestra of seen and unseen powers and destinies of good and evil our trumpets sound once more a note of daring, hope and will."
--Oliver Wendell Holmes, "Memorial Day Address of 1884"

"(The Great Work consists)...in the task of moving modern industrial civilization from its present devastating influence on the Earth to a more benign mode of presence."
--Thomas Berry, *The Great Work*

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Let Freedom Ring!" Mansfield
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship "Eternal Father, Strong To Save" Dykes
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" No. 443
*Responsive Call to Worship (*Derived from Psalm 8*)
Women: When we stop and consider you, O Lord, our hearts are stirred and our minds are overwhelmed.
Men: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Women: When we consider the heights and depths and grandeur of your creation, we worship you.
Men: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Women: When we ponder our place, as humanity, in the midst of your creation, we are humbled.
Men: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Women: We are creatures of such great glory, and yet we are also capable of causing tremendous pain and destruction.
Men: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Women: Help us find our true place in your created order, following the way of Jesus.

Men: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ALL: Let us be agents of change, of redemption, of your work in this world, O Lord, our sovereign God. O Lord, our great God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Gloria Patri

Unison Opening Prayer

Liturgist

Gracious God, you have made us to be stewards of your created order and you have made us to worship you. Help us to understand more fully that by being good stewards of your created order, and by sharing the resources of that created order with each other equitably and with justice, such actions become expressions of our worship, and are pleasing to you. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin and a Great Commission Challenge

Liturgist

When you leave this sanctuary today:

We challenge you to speak: To speak up for what you believe is right; to speak up for what is not easy.

We challenge you to listen.

We challenge you to let yourself fail, only to raise yourself to new levels of success.

We challenge you to be unafraid to talk about Jesus.

We challenge you to stop trying to impress others and start trying to impress God.

We challenge you to do the unpopular thing; we challenge you to be a rebel.

We challenge you to be unabashed in affection.

We challenge you to humble yourself.

We challenge you to allow yourself to be humbled.

We challenge you to avoid the path of least resistance.

We challenge you not to await opportunity, but to find purpose and mission, to chart a course that your potential demands.

We challenge you to find joy in difficult circumstances.

We challenge you to believe without seeing.

We challenge you to respond with grace.

We challenge you to live life better than you ever have before.

GO INTO THE WORLD TODAY WITH GOD'S GRACE!

(Written by Chris Davey, 16, the Union Church of Hinsdale, Illinois, July 2007. Used by permission)

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

Special Acknowledgement of All Members of First Reformed UCC Who Served Their Country in Military Service {Please stand as your branch of service is called: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, Other}

Our Remembrance of the Memorial and Honorary Military Plaque (Now in the Vestibule) which was dedicated on Memorial Day Sunday May 2007. {Please use the insert provided}

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer *[we pray debts]*

Children's Moment

Anthem "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones" arr. Christopher

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading John 16:12-15 (Page #984 of Pew Bible)

Sermon "I STILL HAVE MANY THINGS TO SAY TO YOU,
BUT YOU CANNOT BEAR THEM NOW."

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" No. 394

*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 "Postlude" Cramer

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Our Memorial and Honorary Military Plaque

Minister: We have dedicated this memorial and honorary military plaque which was given in loving memory of Ruth Morris Davis by her family and friends.

People: It was presented in memory of and in honor of all members of First Reformed United Church of Christ who served their country in the military.

Minister: We remember with gratitude those who lost their lives for the cause of freedom while serving in the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the National Guard, or the Air Force.

People: We offer our continuing thanks to those who are serving now in the various branches of the military in order to preserve freedom that can take root in every corner of the world.



Minister: With Abraham Lincoln as he spoke at Gettysburg we too "highly resolve that those who have died shall not have died in vain and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

People: As people of faith, may this plaque remind us, that we should be saved from any ill spirit that leads to strife, from the aggressive temper which refuses to forgive, and from any lack of faith which clouds the vision of a world of peace.

People and Minister: O God, inspired as we are by this time of remembrance, may it please You to strengthen us to honor all the names printed on this plaque by working to purge our national life of every evil that would keep us from the highest measure of virtue and compassion; to subdue in this nation all unhallowed trust for any conquest other than the conquest of love; and to inspire us with calmness and self-restraint to accomplish Your will everywhere upon this good earth. Amen.

Community Veterans Memorial Service

You are invited to attend a **MEMORIAL SERVICE** today at 2:00 p.m. on the square in uptown Lexington. The Joint Veterans Council of Davidson County sponsors this event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 30	9:45 a.m. -----Sunday School Classes For Everyone
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE, VETERANS MEMORIAL SUNDAY <i>KIDS' CLUB TALENT SHOW</i> {after Children's Moment}
	2:00 p.m. -----Community Veterans Memorial Service {Town Square}
Monday, May 31	-----Office Holiday
Tuesday, June 1	6:30 p.m. -----Search Committee Meeting (Parlor)
Wednesday, June 2	11:00 a.m. -----Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}
	7:00 p.m. -----Choir Ice Cream Social {Freeman Home}
Thursday, June 3	5:30 p.m. -----YOGA Class {Parlor}
	7:15 p.m. -----Living the Questions Study Group {Parlor}
Friday-Sunday, June 4-6	-----Blowing Rock Church Retreat
Sunday, June 6	9:45 a.m. -----Sunday School Classes For Everyone
	11:00 a.m. ----- HYMN SING WORSHIP SERVICE (CHAPEL)

NOTE: Joint Sunday school and the June Social will be the SECOND Sunday, June 13th.

Father's Day Pamphlet Order Form

Women's Life Fellowship is sponsoring a **Father's Day Honorarium/Memorial Pamphlet** that will be provided to the congregation on Father's Day. You can place your loved one's name, (father, uncle, special friend, etc.) along with a comment ("to the best dad in the world, thank you for everything you do!") for a suggested price of \$10.00 per name; any donated amount will be appreciated. **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS JUNE 13, 2010.**

In Honor of

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COMMENT:

In Loving Memory of

By

COMMENT:

Annual Church Picnic

The theme this year is...

"Balloons and Bubbles"

The First Reformed United Church of Christ annual church picnic is scheduled ---

Sunday, June 13, 2010

Finch Park --- Shelter #1 (4 – 7 p.m.)

Bring Yard Chairs



Sunday school classes are responsible for providing the following...

Men's Bible Class..... Grill, Hamburger/Hotdogs, Cooking Expertise

Willing Workers Class Assorted Sides (Fruit, Potato/Pasta Salads, Baked Beans)

New Way Class Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Cheese, Desserts

Seekers Class Chips, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup

If you are not a part of a Sunday school class and want to bring something, please contact Cathy Waitman in the church office (248-2617).

We are looking forward to a large turnout. Finch Park has much to offer so come early and enjoy walking, playing on the playground, or just visiting with friends. There will be plenty of food, fun, and fellowship for all!

NOTE: Picnic will go on—rain or shine. If weather doesn't cooperate we will still have the picnic in the church fellowship hall.

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 by June Grubb in loving memory of her parents, W. James (Jim) and Edna Arline Black Grubb.

USHERS: Rich Johnson, Sauni Johnson, Keith Johnson and Matthew Johnson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Cliff Lopp

GREETERS: Adena Wall and Ramona Yarbrough

ACOLYTES: Kelsey Johnson and Peyton Barr

NURSERY {Birth through 6 years-old}: Heidi and Ron Hutcheson

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jeanne Trexler, Mary Rhodes, Eloise Lopp, Deanna Michael, Ronnie Durham, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Catherine Leonard, Velna Swing, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Arlene Swing, Jacqueline Leonard, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Steve Waitman (Cathy's Husband), Jules Bliss (Banks & Eulene's Grandson), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), and Steve Myers (Jan Smith's close friend). 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.

Sunday, June 6, 2010

The First Reformed United Church of Christ retreat at Blowing Rock Conference Center is scheduled Friday, June 4th through Sunday, June 6th. Reverend Patten will lead a vesper service at Blowing Rock Sunday morning. Those unable to attend the retreat will enjoy an old fashioned hymn sing in the **Education Building Chapel starting at 11:00 a.m.** Walter Hoffman, serving as liturgist, will lead the service. Paul Freeman and Lee Ann Peele will present special music. Come be a part of your church family in whichever setting works best for you. There's something for everyone!

Note: The Sunday school social has been rescheduled for the following Sunday, June 13th.

May 23, 2010 Attendance (Worship 121)
May 24, 2009 Attendance (Worship 128)

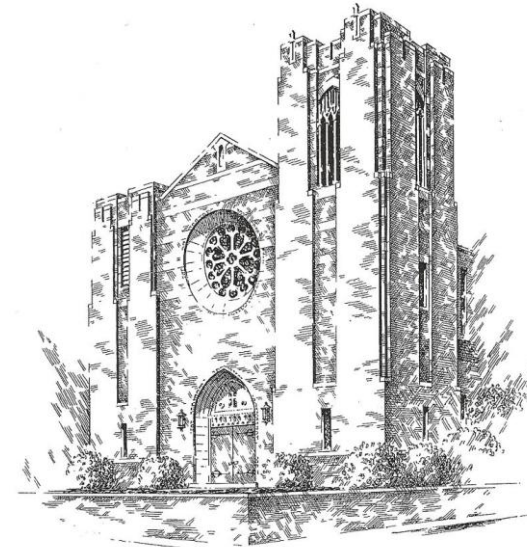
Offering Received \$3,036.00
Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

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