

Service of Divine Worship

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 15, 2010

Liturgist: Keri Hartle

Silent Meditations: Luke 12: 41-48

To the question, "But what can I do for the kingdom?", John Wesley replied: *Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 476

*Responsive Call to Worship ("God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" *The New Century Hymnal*)

Liturgist: God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,

People: Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:

Liturgist: Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise;

People: Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Liturgist: Skills and time are ours for serving, that your will on earth be done;

People: All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.

Liturgist: Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone,

People: Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Liturgist: Treasure, Lord, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;

People: Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.

Liturgist: Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call,

People: Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, honoring you by loving all.

Liturgist: Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;

People: From the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous day.

Liturgist: Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived out human span,

People: God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our stewardship began.

*Gloria Patri

Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Liturgist

Gracious God, we repeat prayerfully what the Psalmist writes: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." (Psalm 24:1) We know that this is a basic truth which is proclaimed again and again throughout scripture. We know that we are, by your grace, stewards of this earth and all that is within it, and you are our Lord and Master to whom we are accountable. Yet, we confess that too often we have forgotten this truth, and have gone our own way, becoming careless stewards both of your beautiful earth and of the life within it, including the special life of love through Jesus Christ which emboldens us to believe that we are, in fact, your people through Him. Guide us back to you, gracious God, empowering us with the very mind of Christ that teaches us to place the needs of others before our own. Guide us toward the decisions and commitments which are pleasing to you as we lay our plans of stewardship for the coming year, stewardship of all our resources, those of time, talent, and treasure, the stewardship of our covenants in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon --- Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Moment

Anthem

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Lojeski

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Lesson (Liturgist)

Matthew 25:14-30 (Page #904 of Pew Bible)

Sermon

WHAT WE DO WITH WHAT WE HAVE WHERE WE ARE

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 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" No. 253

*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

***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 Lori Lopp Floyd in remembrance of her August 17th birth date, by The Clifford Lopp, Jr. Family.

USHERS: John Potts, Ron Hutcheson, Myra Thompson, Janette Neal and Cheryl Walser

PLATE ATTENDANT: John Walser

GREETERS: Janie Lohr and Janelle Bunn

NURSERY {Birth through 6 years-old}: Amy and Birke McNeill

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jacqueline Leonard, Ronnie Durham, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Velna Swing, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Arlene Swing, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family). 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.



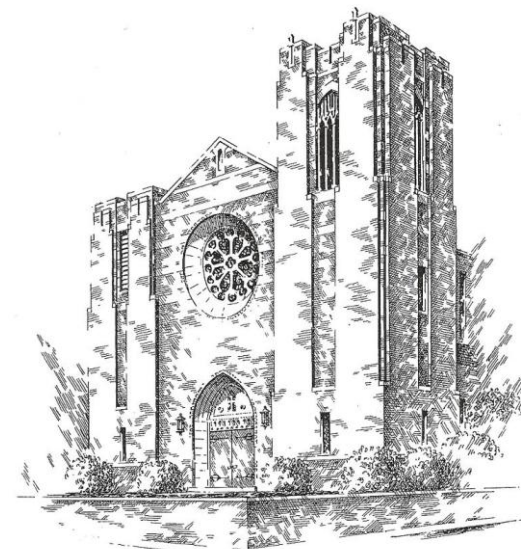
We extend **SYMPATHY** to and share Christian hope with Reid, Gary and Beth Rhodes and their family upon the death of their loved one and our friend, **Mary Pickett Rhodes**. Also, sympathy is extended to Velna Swing upon the death of her sister and our friend, **Catherine Beck Leonard**.

Church Staff

Reverend Walter Patten, Ph.D., Intentional Interim Minister
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 15 9:45 a.m. --- Sunday School Classes for Everyone
 11:00 a.m. --- **WORSHIP SERVICE**
 6-8 p.m. --- Community Youth Meeting {Fellowship Hall}

Monday, August 16 6:30 p.m. --- Search Committee Meeting {Parlor}
 7:00 p.m. --- Play Practice {Fellowship Hall}

Tuesday, August 17 6:30 p.m. --- **WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP PICNIC** {Carolyn's House}

Wednesday, August 18 6:30 p.m. --- Board of Community Outreach Meeting {Parlor}

Thursday, August 19 5:30 p.m. --- Yoga Class {Parlor}

Friday, August 20 ----- Women's Life serving dinner to LSHS Football Team

Sunday, August 22 9:45 a.m. --- Sunday School Classes for Everyone
 11:00 a.m. --- **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Monday, August 23 7:00 p.m. --- Play Practice {Fellowship Hall}

Tuesday, August 24 6:30 p.m. --- Finance Committee Meeting {Parlor}

Wednesday, August 25 6:30 p.m. --- Friendship Club and Congregation Ice Cream Social {FH}

August 8, 2010	Attendance (Worship 100)	Offering Received \$4,440.81
August 9, 2009	Attendance (Worship 95)	Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

You're Invited

The **CONGREGATION** is invited to the annual United Friendship Club **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** on **Wednesday, August 25th** at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Bring a freezer of your favorite homemade ice cream, or a dessert to serve with the ice cream.

Come join the fun as we enjoy good homemade ice cream and fellowship with one another!



Women's Life Fellowship Picnic

Women's Life Fellowship Members and guests are invited to a picnic at the home of Carolyn Spivey on **Tuesday, August 17th** at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share with friends and come enjoy the fellowship.



There are several items of discussion for our kick-off meeting. If you've been thinking of joining this group of hard-working ladies, this is a good time to put those thoughts into action!

Lunch and Conversation

Sunday, August 29, 2010

Looking at our priorities; members' input to the budget process

First Reformed United Church of Christ is beginning the budget process. Your finance committee has met and talked with the consistory concerning the budget for 2011. Consistory members suggested that we have an informal congregational meeting on Sunday, August 29th for the purpose of discussing our priorities for the coming year. Lunch will be provided immediately after the worship service followed by roundtable discussions. All members are encouraged to be a part of this important process in the life of our church.

CATERED LUNCH RESERVATION

Please fill out the registration form and drop it in the offering plate or call the church office at 248-2617.

Please register - - - Name: _____

Number: _____