

Service of Divine Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2011

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

Liturgist: We stand here today, in the presence of the Holy,

People: Who will show us the way to hope and grace.

Liturgist: We come today to the spring of hope,

People: Where Jesus will draw for us all the living water we can drink.

Liturgist: We speak from our hearts, lifting our praise and prayers,

People: Leaning over to listen, the Spirit hears us, filling us with peace.

*Gloria Patri

Invocation *{unison}*

O God, we come today out of a world that is often confusing and filled with stress. We come seeking you and your peace. Be present with us. Receive our praise and thanksgiving. Restore our weakened spirits. Refresh our souls and equip us for the work you would have us do. Put a clear vision before us so that we might know your will. We ask this in the name of the one whose name we share. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

O Lord, much like your servant Paul, we are a people with two minds and two behaviors. What we would do, we do not and what we would not do is just the thing we do. Too often we mean well and then do not do it. At times we do those things we ought not to do. Forgive us, O Lord, and create in us a single-mindedness that focuses on your purpose and your way. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Gospel Reading Matthew 11:16-19, 25-27 (Page #887 of Pew Bible)

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

Let the Children Come

Anthem "An American Tribute" Wagner

Proclamation of the Word

The Epistle Reading Romans 7:15-25a (Page #1029 of Pew Bible)

Sermon "*The Devil Made Me Do It!*"

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer *{unison}*

O God, it is with great joy that we place these offerings into your service. May the good that we desire be made more real through what we give. May these gifts bring your presence to the lives of many. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

One: May the Lord of rest be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: All who are weary; yoke yourselves to the Lord of life.

All: We join our hearts with God's Heart of compassion.

One: People of God, lift your glad songs to the One who loves us.

All: Praise is on our lips, thanksgiving overflows from our hearts.

One: At the first moment of time we lift our voices in praise to God:

Text and music: Anon., Argentina

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

One: Holy is God mystery of faith given to every generation:

All: **Christ died, gentle and humble to the end; Christ rose, delighting in the new life given to him; Christ will return, offering us the yoke of resurrection.**

Sharing from the Lord's Table

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

We give thanks, Almighty God. You refresh us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" No. 443

*Responsive Call to Dedication

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

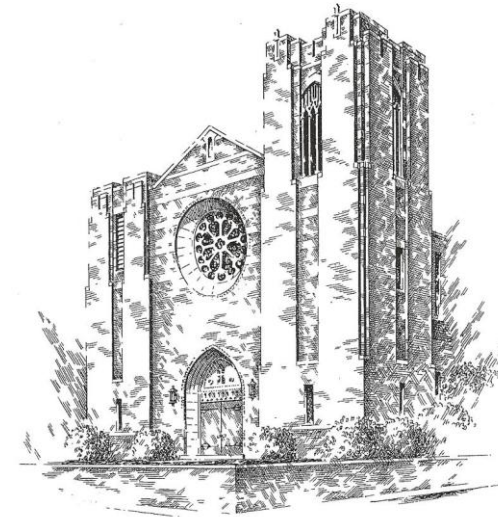
People: Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*The Benediction

*Postlude

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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Where People Discover - - -

The Love of God

The Power to Love Others

The Ability to Love Ourselves

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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. **If visitors are interested in learning more about First Reformed UCC, please contact the church office at 248-2617 or church@frucc.org.**

THE FLOWERS on the pedestals are given to the glory of God; in loving memory of my husband, Ed Bates; my parents, J.C. and Bronette Bailey; my brothers, H.C., Norman, and Ralph Bailey; and my grandparents, by Peggy Bates.

USHERS: Tony Peele, Keri Hartle, Ashlee Snider, Scott Biesecker, and Lena Johnson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Joyce Price

GREETERS: John and Vicky Gray

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Beth and Frank Callicutt

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sadie Bailey, Ronnie Durham, Ernie Bonner, Paul Tuck, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Willie Ruth Leonard, Juanita & Henry Beck, Ernestine & Henry Kennedy, Jimmy Grubb (June's Brother), Mary John Allred (Gray Family), Ann Spivey (Carroll Spivey's Mother), Connie Weichert (Gerri Hill's Sister), Sandra Fern (Sauni Johnson's Mother), Randy Carter (Wanda Daye's Son-in-law), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), and Fred Sink . 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 3	9:45 a.m. -----Joint Adult Sunday School Class {Lesson: Men's Bible Class}
	10:20 a.m. -----SS Social {Hosts: Lena & Rich Johnson and Sylvia & John Walsler}
	11:00 a.m. -----WORSHIP SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 p.m. ----- FABULOUS FUN FOURTH {Fellowship Hall}
Monday, July 4	Office Holiday
	6:30 p.m. -----Stephen Ministry {Parlor}
Thursday, July 7	5:30 p.m. -----Yoga Class {Parlor}
Sunday, July 10	9:45 a.m. -----Sunday School Classes For Everyone
	11:00 a.m. -----WORSHIP SERVICE

BRING WIDE RULED NOTEBOOK PAPER FOR "SEND A KID TO SCHOOL"

6/26/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
114	\$4,185	\$5,621	\$117,134	(\$25,493)

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Robin Keating (Office #336-248-2617, Cell #336-250-9554)	Paul Freeman, Choir Director
Cathy Waitman, Director of Christian Ed	Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst
Lee Ann Peele, Organist	



FABULOUS FUN FOURTH!

**Ice Cream, Desserts,
Entertainment**

TODAY, Sunday, July 3rd, at 7 p.m. the fellowship hall will be the place to be! You will not want to miss an evening of fun, ICE CREAM, fellowship, ICE CREAM, entertainment and more ICE CREAM! Everyone is invited.



Come for some surprise entertainment...I don't want to spoil the surprise, or be a name dropper but, a few of our show-stoppers include, Paul Freeman, Lee Jessup, Birke McNeill, Mark Smith, and The Haystack Symphony Singers.

The Choir will sing a special patriot song...so wear your red, white and blue and come enjoy a great evening with your church family.

Send a Kid to School

This year's VBS community service project is to collect back to school supplies for children in need. We will collect supplies during the month of July so that we will have everything we need to stuff the bags August 5 & 6 at Bible School. Each Sunday you are asked to bring specific items to put in a collection box in the Narthex or outside the office.



- July 3 – pencils and erasers
- July 10 – wide ruled notebook paper
- July 17 – crayons (24) and glue sticks
- July 24 – spiral bound one subject notebooks

Please help our VBS project by donating generously.