

Service of Divine Worship

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 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 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" No. 316

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Disciples of Christ, we come to this place battered by the wind and waves of life.

People: We are tossed to and fro by the pressures all around us.

Liturgist: Yet, in the distance Christ is coming near.

People: His hands are outstretched, beckoning us to draw closer to him.

Liturgist: He says, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

People: Let us worship the Lord our God this day, placing our trust in Jesus the Christ!

*Gloria Patri

Invocation (In Unison)

Thank you, Lord, for seeing us through another week and your being our traveling companion along the way. May all we say and do in this time of worship reflect our love, our thanks and our praise for your sustaining and calming presence. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Lord, there are times that I feel I can walk on water. At such times you encourage me, calling me to stretch my faith. I walk on water just fine, as long as I keep focused on you. But when I glance at the tossing sea or listen to the shrieking wind, old fears crowd out new faith. I sink back into that clutching grave. Lord, save me. Take away my doubts and renew my faith. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Epistle Reading Romans 10:5-15 (Page #1032 of Pew Bible)
The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *{we pray debts}*
Let the Children Come
Solo (Elizabeth Sink) "The Prayer, With Lead Us Lord" arr. Tom Fettke

Proclamation of the Word

The Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33 (Page #892 of Pew Bible)
Sermon "Wave Riding"

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
The Offertory
*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer *{unison}*
O Lord, may our offerings build lifeboats for others large enough to accommodate you. May they be sufficient to buy the necessities the journey of life requires. May our generosity reflect your own. Bless these gifts, we pray, O Lord. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" No. 468

*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. **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 altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of my Mom, Lossie Knowles, by Lee Ann and Tony Peele.

USHERS: John Potts, Ron Hutcheson, Janette Neal, Cheryl Walser

PLATE ATTENDANT: John Walser

GREETERS: Tom and Kathleen Danze

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Sauni and Thomas Johnson

PRAYER CONCERNS: Nancy Robbins, Margaret Trexler, Sadie Bailey, Ronnie Durham, Ernie Bonner, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Willie Ruth Leonard, Juanita & Henry Beck, Ernestine & Henry Kennedy, Lossie Knowles (Lee Ann Peele's Mother), 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), and Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson'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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

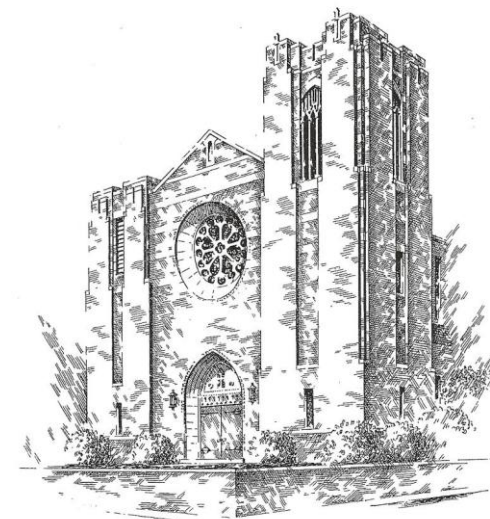
Sunday, August 7	9:45 a.m. ----- JT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL {LESSON: WILLING WORKERS}
	10:20 a.m. ----- SS SOCIAL {HOSTS: ANN & WALTER HOFFMAN & ANNE FLETCHER}
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE
	12:30 p.m. ----- CONSISTORY MEETING
Monday, August 8	6:30 p.m. ----- Stephen Ministry {Parlor}
Tuesday, August 9	10:00 a.m. ----- Prayer Shawl Ministry {Parlor}
	6:30 p.m. ----- Evangelism Board Meeting {Parlor}
Thursday, August 11	5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class {Parlor}
Saturday, August 13	10:00 a.m. ----- Blessing of Pets {Courtyard}
Sunday, August 14	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE {BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS}
Monday, August 15	6:30 p.m. ----- Board of Community Outreach Meeting {Parlor}

7/31/11 Attendance & Income		Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
105	\$3,228	\$5,621	\$151,083	\$170,732	(\$19,649)

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	

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

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Pictorial Directories Have Arrived

Pick up your directory in the narthex following the worship service.

The Pictorial Directory looks great! Many thanks to the Evangelism Board's Pictorial Directory Committee led by Clifton Murphy and Nicole Smith for their many hours of work.

Pictorial Directory



This nice hardbound book with a picture of our church on the cover inset has 38 pages of member's pictures, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and candid shots of events attended by church members.

For those who ordered a directory, your book is available for pickup in the narthex following the worship service. Payment of \$25.00 is expected when you pick up your book.

For those who didn't order a book...the books that have arrived have been sold, however, we have ordered a few extra books. Extra books should arrive within two weeks. If you would like a book for \$25.00 please get your name on the waiting list by telling Nicole today, or calling the church office at 248-2617. Payment is expected when you pick up your book.

Prayer Shawl Ministry...

We will have a Blessing of the Prayer Shawls during the worship service next Sunday, August 14th. Prayer Shawl Ministry members please turn in completed shawls as soon as possible so they can be labeled prior to the blessing.

Get your crochet and knitting needles ready. After a brief summer respite the Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting again this **Tuesday, August 9th at 10 a.m.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME...PLEASE JOIN US!



Blessing of the Animals Ceremony

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011 at 10:00 AM

First Reformed United Church of Christ will celebrate the love of our animal friends and partners on Saturday August 13, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the courtyard between the Educational Building and the Fellowship Hall.



In the 1st Chapter of Genesis, God created all the animals of the air, sea and land on the fifth day of creation. He saw that it was good and blessed the animals and spoke to them directly by saying, "Be fruitful and multiply..." (Genesis 1:22). Note that God blessed "them" and not "it". He blessed the individual animals, and spoke to them.

Why would we bless our animal friends? Rev. Ron Murhon, in his book The Blessing of Animals, said, "When we bless something, we focus our attention on the perfection that God put into it when God created it. When we bless what is good in our lives we increase it..." It is one way of giving back the unconditional love our animal friends give to us. An individual blessing of our pets brings comfort to the owner because it is supportive of something that is dear to them and important in their lives. It is a form of spiritually supporting the well-being of the animals that we love.

So, bring all your furry, feathered, and scaly friends on Saturday August 13th at 10:00 AM to have Rev. Keating bless them and receive a certificate of their blessing.

God's Peace, Love and Blessing, Evangelism Board