



# Service of Divine Worship

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Liturgist: Rev. June Grubb

January 24, 2010

## Preparation for Worship

Prelude

"We Believe In One True God"

Glyncannon

\*Chimes Sounding the Hour

\*Time of Greeting and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration and Choral Amen

## Praise to God

\*Hymn

"God of Change and Glory"

Insert

Based on I Corinthians 12:4-27 (**Our Chancel Choir will sing the first verse and refrain; then we will join in, starting with the first verse.**)

\*Responsive Call to Worship (From "Many Are the Light-Beams," *The New Century Hymnal*)

Liturgist: Many are the light-beams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus.

**People: Many are the light-beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.**

Liturgist: Many are the branches of the one tree. Our one tree is Jesus.

**People: Many are the branches of the one tree; we are one in Christ.**

Liturgist: Many are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the gift of Jesus.

**People: Many are the gifts given, love is all one; we are one in Christ.**

Liturgist: Many are the members, the body is one; members all of Jesus.

**People: Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.**

\*Gloria Patri

Invocation

## Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin (Based upon I Corinthians 12: 12-31)

Liturgist

**Gracious Lord, in the mystery of your seeking us, it pleased you to indwell the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, revealing yourself to us through Him, becoming fully human even as He was fully Divine. You have yourself experienced, in Him from within, how fearsomely and wonderfully we are made, how all of the many parts of our bodies can work in harmony to effect your purposes, how with His hands, sight, hearing, tasting and presence, He imparted so many gifts to desperate, lost people in need. Indeed, He**

**has imparted such gifts to us. And yet, we have quarreled over who is more and less important, how some gifts surpass others, failing to give full honor to all who belong to your Body now, the Church. Lord, as it is true that we are now the Body of Christ in this time and place, restore to us the harmony and peace which was and is within Him, that we shall be so full of praise, so blessed with what we can do with your help and empowerment, that we will no longer even think of hurtful comparisons and judgmental distinctions, as we are all loved equally and as one through Him; the same Jesus who commands us to love as He loves, and then equips us to do so, in whose Name we pray. Amen.**

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - - Amen Sung

## Witness of Faith

The Pastoral Prayer

Children's Moment

Anthem

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs"

Thompson

## Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading (Liturgist)

I Corinthians 12:12-31 {Page #1046 of Pew Bible}

Sermon

**MOVING BEYOND FEAR AND OUR QUEST FOR PERFECTION  
TOWARD GOD'S INTENTIONALITY: ACCORDING  
"...THE GREATER HONOR TO THE INFERIOR MEMBER..."**

## 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

"We Are Called To Be God's People" (Austrian Tune)

Insert

\*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

"Toccatina"

Callender

\*Those who are able please stand

## Urgent Need - Haiti

We have received a plea from the United Church of Christ who has launched an emergency appeal for Haiti after the major earthquake that struck there last week.



The need is massive. If you would like to make a donation, please designate in the memo line on your check - "Haiti" or place a cash offering in a pew envelope and designate "Haiti". All donations will be forwarded to a special "OGHS - Haiti Earthquake Relief" fund. Thank you.

**NOTE: We received approximately \$3,000.00 last Sunday for Haiti Earthquake Relief.**

## Touching Davidson County With Love

First Reformed UCC is once again participating in the Touching Davidson County With Love project, which will be held **May 1st**. Please let **Edgar Miller** know if you are interested in being a project manager or volunteer at 336-899-0660 or [edgarmiller@earthlink.net](mailto:edgarmiller@earthlink.net).

The TDCWL committee, made up of individuals from the area churches, is meeting regularly and has requested that we provide the number of project managers and volunteers at the March meeting. This information will be helpful in determining the number of projects that can be accepted. **Please check your calendars and contact Edgar as soon as possible.**

## Souper Bowl Sunday

Please come prepared to "play" in the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** Sunday, February 7, 2010. Members will be invited to give \$1 each on the way out of worship on the morning of the NFL Super Bowl. Every dollar donated at First Reformed UCC will be sent directly to Crisis Ministry of Lexington. Let's join the effort and make a difference in our community.



## Living the Questions Study Series

Our third session in the "Living the Questions" series "Reclaiming the World" will be at **7:15 p.m., January 28, 2010** in our **Educational Building Fellowship Hall**. Remaining lesson topics include:

- January 28, 2010 "Evil, Suffering and A God of Love"
- February 4, 2010 "The Myth of Redemptive Violence"
- February 11, 2010 "Practicing Resurrection"
- February 18, 2010 "Debunking the Rapture"
- February 25, 2010 "Reclaiming the World"

As before, we will use a stimulating DVD to prompt our discussions, along with lesson handouts for personal work. Delicious snacks will be on hand as well. See you there!

## Soup and Sandwich Lunch and Congregational Meeting



On **Sunday, February 7th** Women's Life Fellowship will provide their delicious vegetable soup along with pimento cheese and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch immediately following the worship service. They will use donations collected to assist with their ongoing support of local nonprofits. Reservations need to be made as soon as possible. Please fill out the reservation form below. **NOTE:**

LEFTOVER SOUP WILL BE SOLD FOR \$5.00 A QUART.

Following lunch the annual business meeting of First Reformed United Church of Christ congregation will be held. Board chairpersons and treasurers will give lively and creative reports. 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: \_\_\_\_\_