

Father's Day Service of Worship

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Liturgist: Mark Smith

June 20, 2010

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn

"Faith of Our Fathers"

No. 282

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Faith of our fathers, we will love

People: Both friend and foe in all our strife,

Liturgist: And preach Thee, too, as love knows how,

People: By kindly words and virtuous life:

Liturgist: Faith of our fathers, holy faith!

People: We will be true to Thee till death.

*Gloria Patri

Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Liturgist

Gracious God and loving Parent, we confess the truth of this Scripture (Romans 8: 14-17): "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba!' 'Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with him."

Merciful God, we confess further that we have sometimes behaved as if we had received a spirit of slavery which falls back into fear, not a spirit of adoption. You have offered us Your loving safety and Your strong arm to go before us in adversity, and we have acted on occasion as if our only safety is in our defensiveness, our only justification in our

being "right." We have not always acted as if we experience ourselves to be Your children; we have sometimes acted as if we were autonomous and self-made, answerable to our own personal insights. We have neglected to cry to You "Abba," as Jesus did, meaning "Papa, Daddy," with the deepest possible trust, affection and love. Like abandoned orphans, we have sometimes preferred to express our own pain rather than to listen patiently and compassionately to the pain of others. We have tended to forget that Your Spirit yearns to mix and mingle with ours, guiding us to a better way than the ways we can find on our own. We have ignored the fact that we are Your heirs and joint heirs with Christ, preferring the glory-on-the-cheap of being "right" rather than the glory of chosen sacrifice as Your suffering servants in Christ, the glory of loving relationships with each other.

Gracious God, we beseech Your forgiveness of our folly and of our forgetfulness of the intimate partnership You have planned for us as Your children and heirs, with You and with each other. With the help of Your guiding love, may we be encouraged to call you "Papa, Father," and mean it as Jesus did; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon -- Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

A Father's Day Tribute

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

"The Lord's Prayer"

Mallotte

A Father's Day Tribute

Proclamation of the Word

Hebrew Scripture Lesson (Liturgist)

Jeremiah 9:11-13 (Page #696 of Pew Bible)

Meditation "YOU WILL FIND ME IF YOU SEEK ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART

(humility, repentance, devotion, purity, reconciliation, servanthood, perseverance)

Response Through Dedication

A Father's Day Tribute

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "Rise Up, O Men of God!" No. 389

*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.

FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henderson Leonard and Joe H. Leonard by their family.

USHERS: Clifford Lopp, Larry Berrier, Eddie Yates, Robert Danze and Harrison Danze

PLATE ATTENDANT: Cheryl Walser

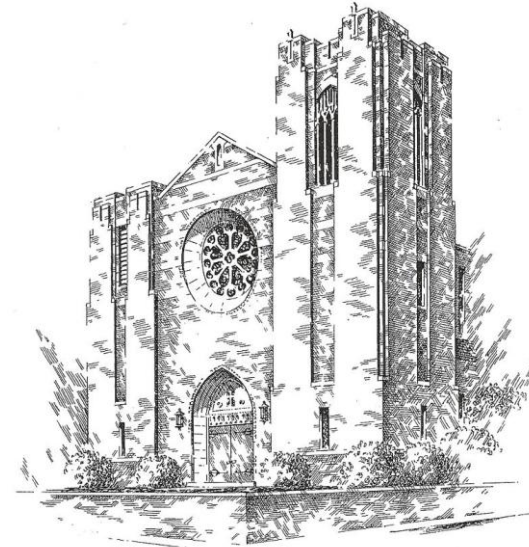
ACOLYTES: Griff Smith and Laura Strenk

GREETERS: Harriette and Clifton Murphy

NURSERY {Birth through 6 years-old}: Nina and Ted Smith

PRAYER CONCERNS: Janelle Bunn, Mary Rhodes, Catherine Leonard, Jeanne Trexler, Eloise Lopp, Ronnie Durham, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, 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). 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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 20	9:45 a.m. --- Sunday School Classes for Everyone 11:00 a.m. --- WORSHIP SERVICE AND FATHER'S DAY (SURPRISE!) RECOGNITIONS
Tuesday, June 22	6:30 p.m. --- Search Committee Meeting (Parlor)
Wednesday, June 23	Noon ----- FRIENDSHIP CLUB COVERED DISH PICNIC (June Grubb's House)
Thursday, June 24	5:30 p.m. --- YOGA Class (Parlor)
Saturday, June 26	----- New Life Fellowship Church using Fellowship Hall
Sunday, June 27	9:45 a.m. --- Sunday School Classes for Everyone 11:00 a.m. --- WORSHIP SERVICE AND RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS NOON ----- CONGREGATIONAL WELCOMING LUNCH (FELLOWSHIP HALL) 1:30 p.m. --- Consistory Meeting 3 – 5 p.m. -- Rev. Larry Walser's Retirement Celebration (First UCC, Salisbury) 6 – 8 p.m. -- Community Youth Meeting (Reeds UMC)
Monday, June 28	----- Women's Life Fellowship Serving Arts Discovery Camp (Grace Episcopal)

Church Staff

Reverend Walter Patten, Ph.D., Intentional Interim Minister
Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Education
Lee Ann Peele, Organist

(Cell #336-420-2728 Home #336-632-1985)
Paul Freeman, Choir Director
Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst

Friendship Club Picnic

Home of June Grubb

Wednesday, June 23rd, Noon



Bring your favorite picnic item (chicken, ham biscuits, sandwiches, etc. --- drinks are provided) and come join in the fun as we gather for an old-fashioned picnic at June Grubb's home, noon, Wednesday, June 23rd.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, June 27th

First Reformed UCC will welcome new members next Sunday, June 27th.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A WELCOMING LUNCH!

EVERYONE is invited to attend a luncheon, provided by Yarborough's Restaurant, in the fellowship hall immediately after the worship service. There is no charge for the catered meal, but donations will be accepted (church cost is \$7.00 plus tax). Please come get to know our new members and enjoy Sunday lunch with your church family next week.



Western North Carolina Association Celebration

You are invited to a celebration honoring the ministry of **Reverend Larry Walser**, Associate Conference Minister for the Western North Carolina Association, and the services of Mrs. Libby Parker, Western NC Association Secretary.

This celebration will be held on **Sunday, June 27, 2010** at **First United Church of Christ, 207 West Horah Street, Salisbury, NC** from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

This event is being sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Western NC Association for Reverend Larry Walser who will be retiring as our area minister on June 30, 2010. This is a time when church members and ministers may gather to thank Larry for his ministry among us and extend best wishes to Larry and his wife, Sandy, as they enter their retirement together.

Also, Mrs. Libby Parker will be recognized for her faithful service to the WNCA as office secretary. We are grateful for the friendly, dependable service she has provided to us throughout Reverend Walser's ministry as our Associate Conference Minister.