

Service of Divine Worship

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 18, 2010

Liturgist: Walter Hoffman

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" Greener
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" No. 226

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: In hope that sends a shining ray

People: Far down the future's broadening way,

Liturgist: In peace that only Thou canst give,

People: With Thee, O Master, let me live.

*Gloria Patri

Unison Opening Prayer (Seated) (Romans 5:1-2) Liturgist

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin (Derived from Romans 5:3-5) Liturgist

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we have boasted repeatedly before others that we might impress them with our accomplishments, our training, our intelligence, our connections with important people; wishing for them to think that we are better and greater than they are, wishing for them to show us deference and to stand aside for us.

And even when we have learned not to boast so, when we have so embarrassed ourselves openly, we become more refined and subtle with our boasting, but boasting in ourselves it remains. Grant to us, we pray, true humility and absolute emptiness of ego, that our boasting may henceforth be in and through our Lord Jesus Christ, and that we may also boast now in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope--a profound and resolute hope, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. In the Name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon -- Amen Sung Liturgist

Witness of Faith

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer *[we pray debts]*

Children's Moment

Anthem "Down to the Water to Pray" Choplin

Proclamation of the Word

The Hebrew Scripture Reading Psalm 22:1-5 (Page #490 of Pew Bible)

The Epistle Lesson Romans 5:1-11 (Page #1027 of Pew Bible)

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:13-16 (Page #880 of Pew Bible)

Sermon **COST AND JOY OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give Liturgist

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer (Unison) Liturgist

Gracious God, Giver of every good and perfect gift, help us to remember that your gifts to us are precious beyond any price we can pay. Sanctify the sacrifice that our gifts today may exact of us, that we may rejoice in this chosen emptiness, being then ready to be filled with your glory and hope in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" No. 205

*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 "Andantino" Handel

***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 Willie Cress Leonard by her granddaughters Rhonnie and Merle.

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

PLATE ATTENDANT: Joyce Price

GREETERS: Mike and Lynn Brown

NURSERY {Birth through 6 years-old}: Beth and Frank Callicutt

THANK YOU to all who participated in the planning and implementation of this past week's youth work camp. We have had a great week of fellowship and accomplishment. Many youth traveled to homes in the area to do maintenance and repairs, while some remained here and held a Bible School.

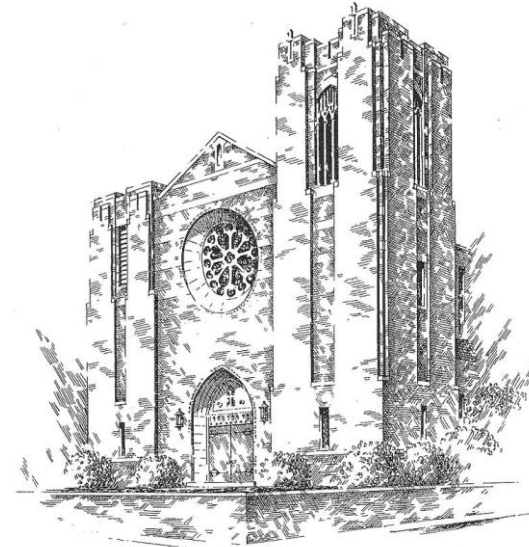
Although many were involved, we offer a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Chris and Amanda Fulton for their leadership roles. Also, to Mike Price, Glenyce Fulton and Belinda Yates for their planning, ordering, purchasing and preparing 3 meals a day and snacks for the 35 people involved; and to Mike Brown and John Potts for enduring the heat as they grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

Church Staff

Reverend Walter Patten, Ph.D., Intentional Interim Minister
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PRAYER CONCERNS: Mary Rhodes, Catherine Leonard, 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, 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.

Reverend Patten is on vacation through July 25th. If a need should arise, please contact the church office. Thank you to The Reverend Dr. Nelson Weller for leading our service of worship today. Reverend June Grubb, along with Evangelism Board Co-Chair Dave Fulton, will be leading the service of worship next Sunday, July 25th. The service next week will be based upon our recent enrollment in the Stephen Ministry. Listed on the opposite side of the insert are answers to a few questions concerning Stephen Ministry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 18	9:45 a.m. -----Sunday School Classes for Everyone
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE (REVEREND DR NELSON WELLER PREACHING)
Monday, July 19	7:00 p.m. -----Genealogical Society Meeting {Fellowship Hall}
Thursday, July 22	5:30 p.m. -----Yoga Class {Parlor}
Sunday, July 25	9:45 a.m. -----Sunday School Classes for Everyone
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE (REVEREND JUNE GRUBB LEADING SERVICE)
Monday, July 26	6:30 p.m. -----Search Committee Meeting {Parlor}
Thursday, July 29	5:30 p.m. -----Yoga Class {Parlor}
Sunday, August 1	9:45 a.m. -----Joint Sunday School Class {Lesson: The Seekers Class}
	10:20 a.m. -----Sunday School Social {Hosts: Mary Jo Jessup and Beth Callicutt}
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE (REVEREND PATTEN PREACHING)

July 11, 2010 Attendance (Worship 110)
 July 12, 2009 Attendance (Worship 124)

Offering Received \$4,684.00
 Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

Stephen Ministry

What Is the Stephen Series?

First Reformed UCC recently decided to enroll in the Stephen Series. The Stephen Series is a system for training laypeople to do caring ministry. Those training for Stephen Ministry will learn skills and develop their talents for bringing Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, depressed, or experiencing other stresses in life.

Why Lay Ministry?

The Stephen Series is designed to train laypeople for caring ministry. Loving others in Jesus' name is a challenge and an opportunity for all who are God's children. Likewise, the joy of helping others is the privilege of all Christians, for the Holy Spirit has given gifts to each Christian to use in service to others and to build up the church (I Corinthians 12:7-11). Stephen Ministry will rely on the gifts the Holy Spirit has given to our lay members so that, as more people are equipped to care, Christ's love for us will be able to go out from us in a greater and more effective way than it does now.

Why the Stephen Series?

The Stephen Series trains people in the basic skills necessary for helping others. Through lecture, discussion, and experiential learning, people learn everything from how to be an effective listener to specific techniques for ministering to grieving people. Our congregation will reap many, many blessings through our involvement in this ministry of care.

Who Will Benefit from the Stephen Series?

The Stephen Series benefits many others besides those who receive the care of their Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Ministers grow greatly as they learn about helping others. They learn about themselves. As the hurting members of our congregation grow stronger through this caring ministry, the whole church is built up and made stronger. And, of course, we all can have the confident knowledge that when the pains of life come our way, someone will always be there, ready to care for us, to bring God's love to us in a special, personal way.