

Service of Divine Worship

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 25, 2010

Liturgist: David Fulton

Preparation for Worship

Prelude
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" No. 23

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love---

People: Neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers---a community of kindred hearts.

Liturgist: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know---

People: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

Liturgist: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.

People: In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.

Liturgist: People of God, come with awe and wonder as we worship God this day.

*Gloria Patri

Unison Opening Prayer (Seated) Liturgist

You who have created us and who sustains us: We come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen to your voice. Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you and toward our brothers and sisters: a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle, and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your presence and your power. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our friend and our Savior. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Liturgist

Almighty God,

Whose breath quickened us,

Whose tongue named us,

Whose language we are:

Grant us grace to be true words---

Not gentle when it is in anger that we live,

Not smooth when it is desperation that we know,

Not patient when time has narrowed down to now,

Not wise, not neat, not all our fences mended,

But words, broken yet honest words, and lost,

Stumbling their way toward silence.

Take us back. Recall us. Then speak to us once again.

Set us in order. Mend our shattered syntax. Set all our commas straight.

Imbue in us a power that keeps company with pain,

Then march us across the pages of this beautiful, fragile, tormented,

And perishable earth to sing the songs of Zion.

In the name of the Word made flesh, made dead, and made alive again. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon -- Amen Sung

Liturgist

Witness of Faith

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

"Shall We Gather At the River"

Carter

Proclamation of the Word

The Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13 (Page # of Pew Bible)

The Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:3-14; 3:12-17 (Page # of Pew Bible)

Dialogue Sermon

"A MINISTRY OF COMPASSION"

Dave Fulton, June Grubb

An Introduction to Stephen Ministry

Silent Meditation on

"The Lord's Prayer"

Mike Price, saxophone

{You are invited to reflect upon the Aramaic translation of the Lord's Prayer during the musical presentation. – See Insert}

Stephen Ministry

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
The Offertory
*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer (Unison)
Liturgist
God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "Bless Be the Tie That Binds" 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

*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.

Reverend Patten is on vacation through today. If a need should arise, please contact the church office. Thank you to Reverend June Grubb, along with Evangelism Board Co-Chair Dave Fulton, for leading the service of worship today. The service is based upon our recent enrollment in the Stephen Ministry. Listed on the opposite page are answers to a few questions concerning Stephen Ministry.

Future Stephen Leader from First Reformed UCC to Spend Seven Days Training in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 1-7...

John Barber will be leaving for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to participate in the seven-day Leader's Training Course for the Stephen Series. At the training course, he will learn to train people here at First Reformed UCC to be Stephen Ministers. Watch for further information about how you can become a Stephen Minister.

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 (1 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.

The Lord's Prayer

In Luke 11:1, one of the disciples asks Jesus to teach them to pray. In response, Jesus offers a model of prayer whose familiarity and influence are well-known. Yet for all its familiarity, the prayer that Jesus taught (often called The Lord's Prayer, Prayer of our Saviour, or the Christian Family Prayer) appears in a number of versions: some people ask forgiveness for trespasses, others for debts, and others sins, just to give one example. On these two pages are a variety of versions of the prayer, offered to stretch our understanding of how Jesus taught us to pray.

The phonetic version of the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic represents the way Jesus may have first spoken it.

*Abwoon d'washmaya
nethgadash shmakh
teytey malkuthakh
nehwey tzevyanach aykanna d'warshmaya aph b'rha.
hawvlan lachma d'unganan yaomana
washboglan khaubayn (wakhtahayn) aykana daph
khnan shbwogan l'hayyabayn.
wela tahlan l'esyuna
ela patzan min bish.
metol dilakhi malkutha wahayla waterbhbukhta
l'hlam almin. Ameyn.*

Following is one translation direct from the Aramaic.

*O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,
focus your light within us - make us useful:
create your reign of unity now -
your one desire then acts with ours,
as in all light, so in all forms.*

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.

*Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
but free us from what holds us back.*

*From you is born all ruling will,
the power and the life to do,
the song that beautifies all,
from age to age it renews.*

*Truly - power to these statements -
may they be the ground from which all
my actions grow. Amen.*

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thurman and Mozelle Walser and Hobart and Melba Yarborough by Bill, Cheryl and Hense Walser.

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

PLATE ATTENDANT: Joyce Price

GREETERS: Keith and Alisa Johnson

NURSERY {Birth through 6 years-old}: Kivi and Edgar Miller

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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)
Monday, August 2	6:30 p.m. -----Board of Christian Education Meeting {Parlor}
Tuesday, August 3	2:00 p.m. -----Meals on Wheels Board Meeting {Parlor}
	7:00 p.m. -----Finance Committee Meeting {Parlor}
Wednesday, August 4	11:00 a.m. -----Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}
Thursday, August 5	5:30 p.m. -----Yoga Class {Parlor}

July 18, 2010 Attendance (Worship 85)
July 19, 2009 Attendance (Worship 95)

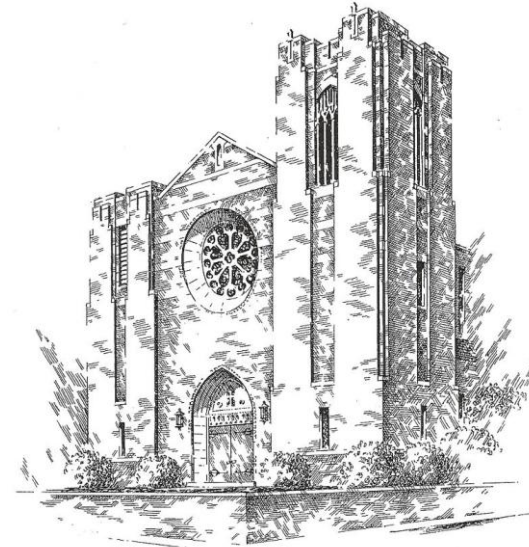
Offering Received \$4,778.00
Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

Church Staff

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