

Service of Divine Worship

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgist: Doug Sink

July 4, 2010

Silent Meditations: *“But when the breezes blow, I generally go below; and seek the seclusion that a cabin grants,” and so do his sisters, and his cousins, and his aunts.”*

--The first Lord of the Admiralty as he announced his philosophy of sailing over rough seas in Gilbert & Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude “A Song of Liberty” DeCou
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn “God of Our Fathers” No. 440
*Responsive Call to Worship (Verse 3 of “This Is My Song,” Tune: *Finlandia*)
Liturgist: This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms,
People: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Liturgist: Let Christ be lifted up till all people serve him,
People: And hearts united learn to live as one.
Liturgist: Oh, hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations,
People: Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

*Gloria Patri
Invocation (Verse 2 of “This Is My Song”) Liturgist
My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. Oh, hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Forgiveness of Sin

Liturgist

God of grace and glory, as we celebrate the birth of our nation this morning, it is with grateful hearts that we remember our ancestors. We give our deepest thanks for all the people who have fought for and defended our freedom throughout the years, thanking you as well for people who have been guided to serve our country through nonviolent means. We remember as well those people whom we harmed as we built our country—the Native Americans who were marginalized and the Africans who were enslaved. We ask your forgiveness for all such actions and seek your Guidance as we continue to learn how to live together justly as a country made up of people of many different nationalities, religions, and sensibilities. Even as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the addition of Hawaii and Alaska to American statehood, and perhaps even consider other such additions in the future, sensitize us to our ever more urgent need to be wiser stewards, than we have been in the past, of the amazing natural and human gifts through which you continue to bless our nation. And as we confess the times that we have misused our freedoms, help us to remember as well our most precious freedom: “For freedom, Christ has set us free.” Thanks be to God in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon -- Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

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

Children's Moment

Anthem “America” McDonald

Proclamation of the Word

The Hebrew Scripture Reading (Liturgist) I Kings 3:16-28 (Page #303 of Pew Bible)

The New Testament Reading Philippians 3:20 and selected verses (Page #1070 of Pew Bible)

Meditation **OUR COMMONWEALTH**

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, you have given to us one of the greatest gifts that you bestow upon your created order: the freedom of choice. Help us to understand that when we choose to do your will, we are claiming our fullest possible exercise of your freedom for us. We ask that you bless not simply these gifts that we gratefully receive, but the choices that motivated these gifts, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "My Country 'Tis Of Thee" No. 441

*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 "Old 124th" Curry

***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 my husband, Ed Bates; parents, J.C. and Bronette Bailey; brothers, H.C., Norman, and Ralph; and my grandparents by Peggy Bailey Bates.

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

PLATE ATTENDANT: Joyce Price

GREETERS: J.W. and Betty Bates

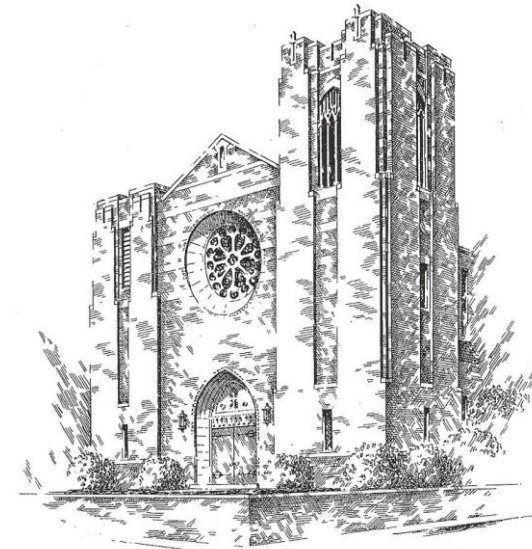
NURSERY {Birth through 6 years-old}: Belinda Yates

Church Staff

Reverend Walter Patten, Ph.D., Intentional Interim Minister
Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Education
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PRAYER CONCERNS: Mary Rhodes, Catherine Leonard, Jeanne Trexler, 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.

We extend **SYMPATHY** to and share Christian hope with Sauni Johnson upon the sudden death of her sister, Nadine "Dina" Roberts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 4	9:45 a.m. --- Joint Sunday School Class { Lesson: New Way Class }
	10:20 a.m. --- SS Social { Hosts: Lena & Rich Johnson and Sylvia & John Walser }
	11:00 a.m. --- WORSHIP SERVICE
Monday, July 5	----- Office Holiday
Thursday, July 8	5:30 p.m. --- YOGA Class {Parlor}
Sunday, July 11	9:45 a.m. --- Sunday School Classes for Everyone
	11:00 a.m. --- WORSHIP SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION
	5:00 p.m. --- WORK CAMP PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE
Monday, July 12	----- New Way Class serving meal at Homeless Shelter
	6:30 p.m. --- Search Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 13	10:00 a.m. --- Galactic Blast Bible School
Wednesday, July 14	10:00 a.m. --- Galactic Blast Bible School
	10:00 a.m. --- Trustee Meeting {Parlor}
Thursday, July 15	10:00 a.m. --- Galactic Blast Bible School
Friday, July 16	10:00 a.m. --- Galactic Blast Bible School
	6:00 p.m. -- CONGREGATION MEMBERS AND WORKCAMP PARTICIPANTS DINNER AND CLOSING CELEBRATION
Sunday, July 18	9:45 a.m. --- Sunday School Classes for Everyone
	11:00 a.m. --- WORSHIP SERVICE

June 27, 2010 Attendance (Worship 110)
 June 28, 2009 Attendance (Worship 128)

Offering Received \$2,753.00
 Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

Camp Opportunities for Youth

Applications for **Johns River Valley camps** are available in the church office. The camps are in July and serve children who will be in third through sixth grade in the fall. **NOTE:** The church pays one-half of the fees for all church members who attend Johns River Valley camps.

Galactic Blast VBS

Applications for **Galactic Blast VBS** to be held during the work camp week (Tuesday – Friday, July 13th - 16th) are in the church office. All children, kindergarten through fifth grade, are invited to attend from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. those four days. A free lunch will be served each day.

Youth Work Camp



WORK

CAMP

Workcamp is fast approaching! Thank you to everyone who has put in hours of preparation to make this a success! Here is a brief overview of the week's events and some areas where we could continue to use your support!

Sunday, July 11- Youth arrive at FRUCC at 5:00- Volunteers to help unload and greet them would be great!

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday- Crews arrive back at the church at 3:30 from their worksites. We could use help putting out snacks and drinks for their return snack!

Friday, July 16th 6:00 p.m. - Dinner and concluding evening program. All residents and church members are invited! You will not want to miss this special evening where you'll witness how these youth have impacted our community!

If you have questions about this exciting week and how you can help, please contact Amanda Fulton at 596-2712.