

Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 13, 2010

GATHERING AND PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Love of the Father" - Song 22, David Paxton

GOD IS REVEALED AS WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

One: I acknowledge my sin to you, and I do not hide my iniquity;

**All: We will confess our transgressions to the Lord,
rejoicing that God forgives the guilt of sin.**

***HYMN "I Will Sing of the Mercies" #60**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

O God, you have freed us to be your people and we pray today that we might catch a glimpse of your promise that would lead us toward heaven. Sometimes the Christian life is remarkably simple for us. But too often life becomes difficult. We confess that we need more faith so that we can appeal to you, O God. To this end we pray that you will send us the Holy Spirit to inspire in us the golden promises you offer. Let us soak in the scripture and its story of salvation, so that we might partake in its magnificent promise. Forgive us and set us aright on the path, which leads to you. Amen.

(Silently consider your mistakes and your soul's needs)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST'S BLESSING

One: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Another: "And also with you."

***GLORIA PATRI (a second Century Hymn of praise) #734**

ANTHEM "Come and Dine"

GOD IS REVEALED THROUGH THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-20 p.314
(LP-563)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Epistle: Galatians 2:15-21 p.1017 (LP-1811)

Gospel: Luke 7:36-50 p.901 (LP-1604)

MESSAGE "A Gracious Invitation"

*HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" #451

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer ("debts")

Congregational Response "He Is Lord" #305

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #147

*PRAYER OF DEDICATIONS OF GIFTS AND SELF

COMMUNION HYMN "Come, Share the Lord" #696

COMMUNION - Insert

GOING OUT TO SERVE GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBOR

*HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #72

POSTLUDE "Little Prelude in G Minor" - Paul Taylor

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

*Those who are able are asked to stand

Sunday school is at 9:00 a.m. for all ages. During worship, children in 2nd/3rd grade and below may go to the nursery after the children's story.

Thought For The Day

If "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve," then what better example can we have as followers of God's Messiah?

The attendance for Sunday, June 6th was 75 adults and 14 children.

Hand sanitizer has been placed at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

Leader: Let us come to the table.

People: We come to the table of the Lord.

Leader: Let us come in love and peace.

**People: We come remembering God's love for us in His son,
Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Let us pray:

COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, we praise you for the gift of your Son, our lord. We thank you for coming into our world, the world you created and entrusted to us. We thank you for that supreme gift of love that can so envelope us that we feel so loved and loving. Most especially we thank you that you led your Son to the cross that we might find our redemption. So enrich us with his love by feeding us with the elements of bread and wine. And may we participate in your joy, that same joy that welcomes even the most prodigal of sinners home. We say all of these things in His name, who was born, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.
Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Can we participate in our Lord's death?

**People: Through the broken bread we participate in the
cross of Christ.**

Leader: Can we participate in our Lord's life?

**People: Through the cup of blessing we participate in the
new life Christ gives us.**

Leader: Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

**We give you thanks, ever-giving God, that you have
refreshed us at your table by granting us your presence. Strengthen
our faith, increase our love for one another and grant us your peace.
May we ever celebrate the joy of your ever-living Spirit. We pray in
Jesus name. Amen**

Large print Bibles are found on the tables in the Narthex/Vestibule. Pick one up to use during service or ask an usher for assistance. (Please return them to the tables in the Narthex after the service.)

ALSO TAKING PART IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers - Frank & Donna Moorhead
Scripture Reader - Donna Possemato
Coffee Hour - Steve & Cherie Bentley/Pat Ford

Please remember in prayer: Our world, our country, our town, our church and church family. Special prayers are needed for The Financial Status of the Church, Steve Amell, Kevin Antonovich, John Bennett, Dave Boutilier, Max Collins, Mark Craver, Janet Harris, Bill Kindig, Fred Kroncke, Summer O'Brien, The Rugg Triplets, Chet Silvernail, Nate Taylor, Peg Thomas, Jessica Trepa, Rev. William J. Zaremba. Please remember in prayer our members and friends who are undergoing cancer treatment or hospice: Chandler Benjamin, Joyce Bittinger, Chris Cooper, Sue Davis, Richard Haberl, John Harvey, David Kipikash, Lynn Kurutz, Marty, Frank Moorhead, Dave Morse, Tony Schultheis, Dave Thatcher, Frank Wicks, Bill Williams. Please also pray for those in the military; Joseph Dumas, Rob French, Jeff Ketcham, Autumn Meister, Matthew Reynolds, Rob & Sara Root, Meghan & Marc LeDuc, Ethan Estey. *If you are in need of special prayers please contact Sharon Fowler at 656-9647.*

A note to our guests:

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcomed here at First Congregational Church! We're happy to have you worship with us today. May the love of God touch your life through this time of worship.

If you have questions about the Christian faith, about the United Church of Christ, or about our congregation, please feel free to approach one of the deacons (you can spot them by the word DEACON on their name tags), or the pastor. If you do not have a Bible and would like one, we will be happy to provide one for you... just ask! Of course, the best way to learn about our faith is to worship with us and become involved in our fellowship. We are all in a lifelong journey of discovery, and we invite you to come along!

Hearing enhancement headphones and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available. Just ask an usher. CD's of the service are available. Just ask an usher. If you are a guest and have any questions about our church, please contact Rev. Curtis Whitman, Pastor at 656-7449 or a Deacon: Steve Bentley (656-8434), Kay Doak (656-9444), Pat Ford (692-3563), Shirley Barton (656-8824), Doris Gritser (656-8259), Russ Haberl (656-9092), or Donna Possemato (656-7964).

CHURCH CALENDAR

- June 13 - Sunday School 9 AM
- Worship 9:55 AM - Communion
14 - Deacons Meeting 6 PM
- VBS Meeting 7 PM
16 - Choir 7 PM
18 - Rehearsal for Children's Day 5:30 PM
- Women's Group 6:30 PM
20 - Sunday School 9 AM
- Worship 9:55 AM - Children's Day
- Honoring Graduates
- Women's Fellowship Bake Sale
- Youth Group BBQ 12 PM
- Baccalaureate @ Berean Bible Church 7PM

The July/August Newsletter Deadline is Monday, June 21st.

Please e-mail your article to Jean Compeau at rcompeau@stny.rr.com.

The Open Door Kitchen will be open the following Fridays at 5:30 p.m.: 7/9, 8/13, 9/10. Volunteers are always needed to cook during the day (9:00 a.m.) and to serve/clean up (5:00-7:00 p.m.). We are also in need of financial support and your continued prayers. Please call Katha Root at 656-9654 with any questions. If Greene schools are closed due to bad weather then the Open Door Kitchen will be closed also.

USHERS

July 2010: Russ & Nancy Haberl (656-9092)

August 2010: Colby & Loretta Meister (656-8058)

September 2010: Stephen & Cherie Bentley (656-8434)

October 2010: Jim & Cindy Gagnon (656-9127)

November 2010: Charlie & Maggie Hurtgam (656-8997)

December 2010: Bob & Nancy Root (656-8990)

Each head couple needs to enlist another two people to serve with them each month.

There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting on Monday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Anyone who is interested in helping is asked to please attend this meeting.

Children's Day Rehearsal

There will be a Sunday School Children's Day Play Rehearsal on Friday, June 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Please bring a food item to share and the Board of Christian Ed will provide pizza. All children who will be in the Children's Day Play need to attend this rehearsal. If you have questions, please see Laurel Acunto or Cherie Bentley.

Women's Fellowship

We will be holding a Bake Sale after worship on Children's Day, June 20th so ladies get into the kitchen to help us out -- and guys bring your wallets.

Sunday School Picnic

The Sunday School will be having an end of the year picnic for all children of the church on Sunday, June 20th at 12 noon at Cherie and Steve Bentley's home at 5448 State Route 41 Smithville. The Sunday School will provide hot dogs, spiedies, and a dessert. All families are asked to bring a dish to share.

Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Jello, Pudding, Peanut Butter, Juices, Pasta Sauce, Cereal. Boxes are provided in the Narthex and Social Hall for your donations. Thanks for your help!

Camera Available for Pictures

There is a camera available for pictures of church functions. If you would like to take some pictures for our upcoming 200th anniversary please see a Deacon. Thanks for your help with this project.

Coffee Hour

Please call Paula Basa at 656-9258 with any questions

June 20 Tim & Mary Gell/Dan & Laurel Acunto



June 27 Donna Possemato/ Chris & Peg French

Honoring Graduates

The Deacons are looking forward to recognizing high school/college graduates on Sunday, June 20th. Please contact Pat Ford (692-3563) or the church office (656-4923) or e-mail: uccgreene@juno.com with the names of graduates so we may honor them. Please include the name of school they are graduating from this year and indicate their plans for the future. If they are continuing their education, please indicate the school they will be attending. Information is needed by Monday, June 14th.

The Bentleys would like to invite our church family to celebrate with us at Courtney's graduation Open House.
Sat. June 26th, 2-5 p.m. at our home
5448 St.Rt.41 Smithville Flats
Please call 656-8434 if you need directions.

Bronzissimo! Community Handbell Choir

 Presents their  Spring Concert:

That's Entertainment!

Saturday, June 19, 2010



7:00 p.m.



**Valley Christian Reformed Church
1452 River Road
Binghamton, NY**

(Route 12 North, Right onto River Road in Kattellville)

A free-will offering will be collected