RUTHERFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION January 27, 2013 – 10:30 A.M. 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

No matter who you are, or where you are on your journey, You are welcome here.

Those parts of the Worship Celebration in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type. *Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:20 AM 10:25 AM

PRELUDE

J.S. Bach's "Allemande from Sonata in D Minor" Transcribed for Clarinet by Eric Simon with Closing "Cadenza" Phil Reynolds, Clarinet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is holy to our Wise God!

We gather to listen for God's word,

to discern God's will, to worship with God's people.

This day is holy to our Joyful God!

We are members of Christ's body,

Christ's family, Christ's Church.

This day is holy to our Powerful God!

The Spirit of God is upon us,

and we have been anointed to bring good news to all.

This day is holy to our Sweet God!

May the words in our mouths and the thoughts in our hearts delight you, O God.

Let us worship our Holy God!

*OUR HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn # 1 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" St. Denio

CALL TO CONFESSION (pastor)

OUR COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, Gracious God, that too often we look on your law as a burden, not a gift; an inconvenience, not a blessing. Rather than seeing your love revealed, we feel our own guilt magnified. Instead of rejoicing in your good news, we focus on our own shortcomings. Turn us around, Redeemer, and do not let our fears have dominion over us. Enlighten us, so that our words and deeds may be acceptable to you. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE – SONG FOR MERCY

RCC Worshipbook, p. 27

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS & SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

In spite of our individual inadequacies, God has called us together to be Christ's Body, and each one of us is indispensable.

God re-members us, giving each of us distinct gifts, equipping each of us to provide guidance and accountability for one another, that we all may become more faithful followers of Christ.

We are all greater as one Body than any single member of us could be on our own.

As God's gifted community, let us offer one another a sign of God's peace. Peace be with you.

And also with you.

*OUR SONG OF PEACE

Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hatred let me bring your love; Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where there is doubt, true faith in you. Make me a channel of your peace, where there is despair in life let me bring hope, Where there is darkness only light and where there is sadness ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving to all men that we receive and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pastor) SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21

MESSAGE

"People of the Revolutionary Word"

*OUR PSALM HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Hymn Insert "The Heavens Declare Thy Glory, Lord" Uxbridge

THE CALL TO A LIFE OF SHARING (pastor)

OFFERTORY TRIO

"Antiphonal Alleluia" by John Leavitt Ellen Dammers, Soprano; Pauline Alama & Carin Fougner, Alto Kristin Barone, Piano

*OUR OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymn Tune: Old Hundredth

To God, all glorious heav'nly Light, To Christ revealed in teaching right, To God the Spirit now we raise. Our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.

*OUR PRAYER OF DEDICATION (pastor)

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

(We use the phrase, "And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.")

*OUR HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Hymn # 164

"Arise Your Light Has Come"

Festal Song

*COMMISSIONING & BLESSING (pastor)

POSTLUDE

"O Word of God Incarnate" by William W. How

OPEN AND AFFIRMING

The People of Rutherford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, embrace the loving and creative goodness of God. We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming church and welcome into full participation members and staff of every sexual orientation just as we extend the same loving welcome to people of every age, race, gender, physical and mental ability, ethnicity and marital and economic status. We affirm the gifts for ministry of all God's children and will not be silent when the rights and dignity of any are denied. We seek to be a congregation that welcomes and nurtures all people, that encourages respect, justice and compassion for all human relationships and that strives for wholeness in our city, country and throughout the world.

We extend a warm welcome and hope you will find the Rutherford Congregational Church a place where your faith will be nourished. If you are visiting or with us for the first time we ask that you sign our guest register, which is located in the Narthex. We invite you to join in fellowship following our service in the community room.

We thank our greeters, ushers, acolytes, our Director of Music, Ms. Kristin Barone, Phil Reynold for the Clarinet Prelude, and Ellen Dammers, Pauline Alama & Carin Fougner for the Offertory Trio. The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Gail & Greg King's 26th Wedding Anniversary.

Pastor: Rev. Gregory J. Rupright **Director of Music:** Ms. Kristin Barone

CALENDAR FOR THE OF WEEK OF 01/27/13-02/03/13

Sunday: Worship Celebration & Church School Learning Center: 10:30 AM

Monday: A.A. Meeting: 6:30 PM

Wednesday: Narcotics Anonymous: 7:45 PM

Saturday: Everyone's Fellowship Breakfast: 7:30 AM

Nar-Anon: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Sunday: Worship Celebration & Church School Learning Center: 10:30 AM

Please see Congregational Church Yellow Pages for more announcements.

Last Sunday, January 20, 2013

Budgeted Weekly: \$1,851.00

Offering Receipts: \$1,704.00

Attendance: 47

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At Boiling Springs Savings Bank
280 Union Avenue