

**RUTHERFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

United Church of Christ  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION      January 13, 2013 – 10:30 A.M.**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany/Baptism of Christ**

*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** 10:20 AM  
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 10:25 AM

**PRELUDE**

*“When Jesus Came to Jordan” by William Walker*

**\*REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM**

Sisters and brothers, today we recall:  
Jesus came to the waters of baptism.  
**In baptism, our Creator claims us  
and frees us from the power of hatred and death.**  
In baptism, we are joined to Christ,  
and we are joined together in unity, recalling:  
**“There is no longer Jew or Greek,  
there is no longer slave or free,  
there is no longer male or female,  
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”**  
In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry  
and makes us signs of Divine Love.  
It is the mark of acceptance into the Church  
and the beginning of our growth  
into full Christian faith and discipleship.  
**Therefore on this day, the whole Church,  
the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates.**  
Let us worship God!

**\*OUR HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

Hymn # 438

“When Peace, Like A River”

*Ville du Havre*

CALL TO CONFESSION (pastor)

OUR COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that too often we live  
as though we are fearful, not faithful.  
When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion,  
we don't easily pass through them,  
but we obsess about the height of the water  
instead of the sight of the other side.  
You promised to walk through the rivers with us.  
Help us believe. And help our unbelief. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE – SONG FOR MERCY

RCC Worshipbook, p. 27

\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS & SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

Thus says the God who created you and formed us in God's image:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name,  
you are mine." This is the good news!

**I belong to God. Thanks be to God!**

As children of God, 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**

Isaiah 43:1-10a

**\*SINGING OUR GOSPEL LESSON**

Hymn # 167 “Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering” *Rendez à Dieu*

**MESSAGE**

“Meeting With God”

**THE CALL TO A LIFE OF SHARING** (pastor)

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*“O Zion, Haste” by Mary A. Thompson*

**\*OUR OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*Hymn Tune: Old Hundredth*

*To God, all glorious heav’nly Light,  
To Christ revealed in earthly night,  
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 BLESSING**

Hymn # 82 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” *Ar Hyd Y Nos*

**\*COMMISSIONING & BLESSING** (pastor)

**POSTLUDE**

*“There’s a Song in the Air” Karl P. Harrington*

## 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, and the RCC Adult Choir for enhancing our worship experience. The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Caroline & Joel Sundell.*

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

## **CALENDAR FOR THE OF WEEK OF 01/13/13-01/20/13**

**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  
Annual Congregational Meeting: 11:30 AM

**Please see Congregational Church Yellow Pages for more announcements.**

### **Last Sunday, January 6, 2013**

**Budgeted Weekly: \$1,810.00**

**Offering Receipts: \$1,862.00**

**Attendance: 37**

***Parking is Available  
At Boiling Springs Savings Bank  
280 Union Avenue***