

RUTHERFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ
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SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION January 20, 2013 – 10:30 A.M.
1st 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 10:20 AM
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:25 AM

PRELUDE

*“If I Leave This World Tomorrow” by Glenn Kaiser
Fred Dammers, Guitar & Voice*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our Mother-Father God has made us to be One Body
with many members.

United and uniting. This is our calling.

God calls us to share our diverse gifts activated
by the one and same Spirit .

United and uniting. This is our redemption.

God longs for us to be united in love and to manifest
the Spirit in our different ways.

United and uniting. This is our worship.

Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship
to our Holy God, who challenges us and calls us
to create the Beloved Community.

***OUR STEWARDSHIP HYMN**

Hymn # 562 “Take My Gifts” *Talavera Terrace*

CALL TO CONFESSION (pastor)

OUR COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we long to co-create with you the Beloved Community which looks to the common good; privileges all equally, and creates societal systems which celebrate the humanity and the gifts of all. And yet we focus on our differences, envy each other's gifts, devalue manifestations of you, O God, that are not like our own. Perhaps our sin is a slow wait for justice. We allow the voices of brothers and sisters who do not look like us, love like us, or worship like us to be silenced. We have told them to wait for freedom, justice and equality. Or perhaps we have kept silence ourselves in the face of their struggle for full human life. Perhaps our sin is to give in to weariness, discouragement, bitterness, when you have called us to be drum majors for justice, peace and righteousness through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE – SONG FOR MERCY

RCC Worshipbook, p. 27

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

Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us!

God has promised . . . We remember that you have given your Beloved people a new name: "My delight is in them."

Thank you, God for delighting in us even now, for forgiving us our slow action, our silence and our weariness, for empowering our work and inviting us once again to create with you the Beloved Community you long for.

As God's Beloved 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

1 Corinthians 12:1-12

MESSAGE

“Gifts In the Beloved Community”

THE CALL TO A LIFE OF SHARING (pastor)

OFFERTORY SELECTION

“Crossroads” by Robert Johnson

Fred Dammers, CBG & Voice; Alycia Desmond, Bass; Ellen Dammers, Tambourine

***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)

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 AFFIRMATION**

Hymn # 177 “God of Change and Glory” *Ar Hyd Y Nos*

***COMMISSIONING & BLESSING** (pastor)

POSTLUDE

“Concerto Grosso in G Minor”, Op. 6/8 by Corelli

Performed by Neville Marriner: Academy of St. Martin In The Fields

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, Fred & Ellen Dammers & Alycia Desmond for enhancing our worship experience. The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by the Dammers in memory of Ward & Sally Walker.

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

CALENDAR FOR THE OF WEEK OF 01/20/13-01/27/13

Sunday: Worship Celebration & Church School Learning Center: 10:30 AM
Annual Congregational Meeting: 11:30 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 13, 2013

Budgeted Weekly: \$1,810.00

Offering Receipts: \$1,800.00

Attendance: 52

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