

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

after

PENTECOST

August 29, 2010

10:00 a.m.

“How many miracles can you expect in a lifetime?”

- Richard Lischer

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgical Improvisation No. 3

- George Oldroyd

CHORAL INTROIT

We've Come This Far by Faith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What do you expect?

Many: By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land.

One: What can you expect?

Many: By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

One: What can you expect?

Many: By faith our ancestors carved a sanctuary out of slash pine and palmetto scrub.

One: What can you expect?

Many: By faith...we dare to expect a great deal.

*OPENING HYMN

What Gift Can We Bring?

No. 370

Anniversary Song

*PRAYER of INVOCATION (In Unison)

Story telling God, you have inspired us with your stories of faithfulness and courage. You have plied us with tales of those who have turned lonely valleys into mountaintops, and changed water into the finest wine. Come among us again this morning, unplug our

ears, grab us by the collar until we sit up and listen to the narratives you have to tell, the truths that we need to hear of how you can change your people. Turn our fears into fearlessness; fill our hearts with an uncommon joy, for we know that with you all things are possible. All honor and praise be unto you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

*GLORY to GOD No. 754

**Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

****(The congregation may be seated.)****

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Gloria Van Houten

CONCERNS of the WIDER CHURCH

A TIME of PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Response

We Are the Church

Rev. Gloria Van Houten

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

A STORY

THE SHARING of OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

You Will Keep in Perfect Peace

- Kenneth Kosche

- Summer Choir -

*DOXOLOGY

No.

780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

*SERMON HYMN

No. 357

You are Called to Tell the Story

Regent Square

READING from the GOSPELS

John 2: 1-11

Holy Bible, page 967

SERMON

"New Cana, a Nowhere That Can be Everywhere"

Dr. John E. Syster

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PARTING

Community of Christ

No. 314

Leoni

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F

- Eric Thiman

(The congregation is invited to be seated for the postlude)

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: GUEST BOOK: Barbara O'Connor; LITURGIST: Sue Ashby; USHERS: Chuck Jarman, captain, Don Bouchard, David Nguyen; SOUND SYSTEM: Bill Pallatto; COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Ron & Patty VanderSchaaf; CHURCH BUS DRIVER: Jerry Oliver.

ALTAR FLOWERS, dedicated to the Glory of God, are given by Boyd Aebli in memory of John Aebli, William Simmen, and David F. Register and by Rose and Bob Antrim in memory of loved ones.

If you have a **PRAYER REQUEST**, please fill out one of the prayer cards located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. Or, you may email the information to uccsarasota@aol.com. Please include your name and phone number in case of any questions.

God is Still Speaking,

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES are available in the church narthex. Please pick one up for your home use. The directories will not be mailed. Please report any errors or misspellings to the church office. Corrections will be noted in upcoming Newsletters.

We are collecting 2-liter clear plastic soda bottles for a craft that the Sunday School children will be doing. **Rinsed out** bottles can be dropped off in the box of Fellowship Hall in the box labeled for "Sunday School".

There will be a **NEW MEMBER SEMINAR TODAY, August 29** following the service. This meeting is for those interested in church membership. It lasts approximately one hour and one half hours and includes a light lunch. If you think you are interested in becoming a member of the congregation, please see one of the ministers after the service today.

We are starting up a **Grief Support Group**, which has its first meeting tomorrow. August 30 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please call our parish nurse, Julie Pennella, 748-8030 if you are interested or need more information.

As many of you know, our **knitters** in the congregation have been sending hats, mittens, blankets and sweaters to the **First United Church of Christ in Rapid City, South Dakota** for quite some time. The church has sent heartfelt "thank you" letters in sincere appreciation for these needed items in a part of the country where the cold weather lingers for so long. Barbara O'Connor, who has been our contact, shipping coordinator, and a knitter herself gathers the donated items, packs them up and ships them. Today, she is hosting a display table in Fellowship Hall so that you may see a sampling from our talented knitters. Please stop by and take a look at what this ministry has done.

Thanks to all who brought items for the **All Faiths Food Bank** last week and before. Eight large boxes were taken there by our workers last Wednesday. If you would like to join the crew which goes there once a month for two hours, please call Ron VanderSchaaf at 366-0105.

On Sunday, September 5, in honor of **Labor Day**, the sermon message will be centered around "using our gifts". In order to emphasize this subject matter, we ask that you wear clothing from your previous or current employment: a military uniform, nurse's apparel, a stethoscope, farmer's bib overalls, a hard hat, painting overalls, an apron, chef's hat...you get the idea.

A Message from Susan Pallatto: *On August 9 I returned from Haiti with so many emotions bubbling to the surface and stories to share. It is taking me time to sort my feelings out as I write my journal from the notes I wrote each night in Haiti and from the pictures I have collected. Haiti has deeply touched my heart and my tears are overwhelming as I write. I am excited to share this experience with you and to show you how your donations are being used to build the third home and all those supplies that you donated before I left for Haiti brought such joy. Sometime in September I will post a date so we can all gather one evening in Fellowship Hall to share this adventure. Your love and support has meant so much to me.*

Thursday Knights and Wings Fall Start-Up!

Thursday Knights and Wings, our children and youth programs will begin with a **PARENTS NIGHT** on **Thursday, September 9 from 6-7:15 p.m.** Come for a meal, to learn about the program, and to register your children for this year. Please call Rev. Gloria if you desire childcare. The children and youth begin another exciting year of Thursday knights (4 year-olds through 5th grade) and Wings (grades 6 through 12) on **Thursday, September 16.**

The **SEPTEMBER "MEAL OUT"** on **September 19** will be at **BOB'S TRAIN, 2211 Fruitville Rd.**, which is just west of the railroad tracks, then north on School Avenue, taking a right turn into a parking lot and proceeding further into that parking lot past a parking attendant hut until you drive up next to a 4-car train. Bob's Brunch Special is omelets for \$7.75 with choices of 26 add-in ingredients, customized to your liking, along with toast and country fries. Bacon, sausage, or ham for an additional \$2. Beverages are an additional \$1.50. You will be dining in a railroad car, nicely refurbished and will be able to tour the other cars before or after dining. Several of the cars are filled with circus pictures of earlier years. Another car is one of the John and Mable Ringling private cars (JoMar), that had fallen into disrepair that Bob is slowly refurbishing. A meal on Bob's train is really a circus adventure not to be missed! Please note that there are a few steps to get into the train cars.

There is a **SIGN-UP SHEET in Fellowship Hall** and we ask that you sign up **by Sunday, September 12** so that Bob can properly stock up for our meal on the train.