

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 10, 2015**

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**The Approach to God**

**PRELUDE**                      “Invention in G Minor”                      Bach  
Mandy Shafer, Piano

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**    “I Will Call Upon the Lord”                      Chancel Choir

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**                      (from II Timothy)

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

**Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.**

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

**So that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #2**                      “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**\*SALUTATION**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**                      (unison)

Almighty God, God of Sarah, Rebecca, and Ruth, we come before you this morning in thankfulness for the women of faith you have put into our lives. For mothers and grandmothers who have loved and nurtured us in the faith, we give you thanksgiving. For Sunday School teachers, and youth group leaders, and all the other women of faith who have shared with us, we give you praise. Thank you, Lord, for these special people. Amen.

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG**    “Faith of Our Mothers”                      [insert]

**RESPONSIVE READING #37**    **Proverbs 3**                    p. 508 Hymnal  
**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**            *"I Am A Woman"*                    Ladies Ensemble

**The Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**                            **Timothy**                            (excerpts)

**\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*HYMN #369**                    *"How Firm a Foundation"*                    (second tune)  
      **Vs 1, 2 – All**    **Vs. 3 – Canon, Men first.**    **Vs. 4 – All**

**SERMON**                            **"Eunice and Lois"**

**Our Response to God**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**    Apostles' Creed                    (Page 12)

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**Presentation**  
      **Vows**  
      **Prayer**

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**                    *"My Help Cometh From the Lord"*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #345**                    *"He/She Who Would Valiant Be"*  
(Our monthly mission offering will be taken during the first verses of this hymn.)

**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*                    (see insert)  
      Choir and Congregation

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

## TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Jeff & Jane DeWitt

Ushers: Matt & Ruth Den Dulk

Fellowship: Carole Angrilla & Ellie Clark

Next week's stewards (**May 17**):

Greeters: Walt & Lucy Paradies

Ushers: Jeff & Jane DeWitt

Fellowship: Luncheon

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Fifteen years ago three little girls were baptized at First Reformed Church. In that sacrament promises were made by God, by the parents, and by the congregation. After the moment of Baptism a declaration was made "Child of the covenant, in baptism, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever." This morning those three girls, now young women, are confirming their faith in these promises, and are accepting for themselves the privilege and responsibility of being Christ's own forever. Welcome Mandy, Marie, and Meredith.

## MISSION SUNDAY

Today is Mission Sunday – the Mission Offering will be taken during the first verses of the Closing Hymn.

## MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Next Sunday is our Monthly Luncheon; please bring a dish to share. Also, consider bringing an item for the food pantry.

## FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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