

OUR COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Abraham and Sarah, we confess that we have not listened with all our being for your direction. We have not wanted to accept the cost of following Jesus. We have not allowed the Spirit to engage us. We want life on our terms. We want to play God. But the role is too big for us, God; we confess it. We need you, God, especially when we fail to hear or refuse to act. Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for right decisions and fruitful actions. We pray in the name of Jesus, whom you sent into the world for our salvation. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (pink insert - sung in unison)

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

Words: Psalm 102:1-2 Music: Jacques Berthier

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS & NEW LIFE** (pastor)

***SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

***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.*

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

– Shared by Carol Marshall

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 our choir, and our guitarist, Fred Dammers, for enhancing our worship experience.

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

CALENDAR FOR THE OF WEEK OF 03/20/11-03/27/11

Sunday:	Choir Rehearsal: 9:00 AM Sunday Worship Celebration & Church School: 10:30 AM New Covenant Christian Ministries: 1:30 PM
Monday:	A.A. Meeting: 6:30 PM
Tuesday:	New Covenant Christian Ministries: 7:15 PM
Wednesday:	Lenten Devotional: 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous: 7:45 PM
Saturday:	Everyone's Fellowship Breakfast: 7:30 AM Nar-Anon: 10:00 – 11:30 AM
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Please see Congregational Church Yellow Pages for more announcements.

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