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**Worship With Us
Each Sunday
in July and August
at 10:00 a.m.**

(childcare is always available)

Summer Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

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Each Monday at 9:00 a.m.

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Wooten's Wonderings...



A friend of mine showed me this poem based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 and written by an unknown author.

I loved it so much I printed it and placed it in my calendar so I can see it every day.

In sharing it, I hope you find something in it that resonates with you.

"If I live my life to perfection, doing what is right and good on behalf of others, but act with compulsion and without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I take care of the needs of everybody in the world, especially the poor, because of my own need to help, but am without love even for myself, then I am nothing at all.

If I am efficient and successful in all that I do for the sake of justice, but act out of driven-ness and without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I am cultured and refined, and in touch with the pain of existence, but am absent from the pain of persons in the present moment who need my empathy; and if I act without love and compassion, then I am nothing at all.

If I have the gifts of wisdom, insight, and understanding, but am not engaged with those around me in the present moment and am without a spirit of compassion and love, then I am nothing at all.

If I am faithful, loyal, and obedient, and never deviate from the law, but am judgmental and blaming, and am without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I live in a pain-free world of dreams and plans, enjoying optimism and pleasurable options, but am not addressing present problems and am avoiding people in actual distress and am without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I am strong and powerful, but lose my best self in a spirit of resentment, retaliation, and vindictiveness, and know nothing of the vulnerability of love, then I am nothing at all.

If I am settled and accommodating, holding onto a sense of distance and calm, but am not journeying inward to know and appreciate my weaknesses and gifts, and am neglecting my own legitimate calling to love myself, then I am nothing at all."

[Author Unknown, based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-3]

~Grace and peace, Brandi



SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

At its June 21, 2016 meeting, Session...

...through a "doodling" activity, we were able to reflect on how, as leaders, we interpret things differently, how we are sensitive to a variety of perspectives that help us carry out God's ministry. We are able to consider different approaches, creative ideas, and a variety of interpretations as we plan and discuss ideas.

...received the Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2016.

...received a report from Pastor Brandi on her pastoral contacts (in person, phone, home visits, hospital visits, emails).

...approved Brandi's request to change her day off to Monday for the months of July and August.

...approved the request of Marjorie Tucker that contributions to the Memorial Fund in memory of her son, Douglas Tucker, be designated as Option 1: "Contributions are placed in the Fund with no restrictions. The Session determines both the use and the timing of the use of these funds."

...placed on the master calendar:

September 11 -- Kick-off Sunday

September 25 -- Fellowship Event (tentative)

October 2 -- World Communion Sunday

October 16 -- Rev. Theva -- Adult Study in World Religions

October 22 -- Fashion Show and High Tea

November 5 -- Fall Supper

November 20 -- Stewardship Sunday and Luncheon

...noted that Trustees have considered and are supportive of Session's proposal for restructuring the Finance Team to include responsibility for stewardship, and appointing persons to assist in counting money. As we move forward, this will involve sun-setting the Stewardship Committee as we know it, electing a Stewardship Officer to work with Trustees and the Finance Team in planning stewardship, and greater involvement of Season Teams in promoting stewardship throughout the year.

...will continue its planning and review of committee structure and committee responsibilities. The anticipated outcome is greater efficiency in accomplishing the work of our church given our pool of volunteers.

...summarized the work of the Bicentennial Task Force. The Task Force began its work in January 2016 and met biweekly through June 12, 2016 which was the day of our "official" celebration. Members of the Task Force were: Sharon Breeze, Ginny Harkness, Sara Heer, Harvey Heer, Nancy Huffman, Laurie Stowe, Geoff Wasmer, and Portia Westfall. Highlights of all our activities include publishing and selling a cookbook, "Cherished Recipes of Chili Presbyterian;" creating a billboard sign to post outside our building; giving the church a fresh coat of paint; publishing a Picture Directory of members; preparing "save the date" postcards and invitations to former pastors, former members, political dignitaries; holding a "retro" dinner, which featured Aldyth Stowe's Ham Loaf that was prepared for a previous anniversary celebration; creating historical displays for the Riga Library and our own church; creating a pictorial slide show that traced our history through photographs; a special Youth Sunday Service with the Youth preparing a time capsule; celebrating with songs written by our Minister of Music; and, holding a special celebratory worship service on June 12, 2016 followed by an ice-cream social. We received congratulatory letters and proclamations from the NY State Governor Cuomo, US Senator Gillibrand, US Congresswoman Slaughter, Monroe County Executive Dinolfo, President Barack Obama, and Presbytery General Assembly. We even received a phone call from White House Staff expressing President Obama's regrets for not being able to attend the worship service on June 12th! Almost every member of the church participated or contributed in one way or another to this 200th Anniversary Celebration. Of special significance is a commemorative communion tablecloth created by Pastor Brandi Wooten using strips of fabric donated by each member of the church. Plans are in the making for a final activity which will be a fashion show and high tea to be held in the fall.

...heard a report from Elder McGaffick on the Graduation Sunday worship service where scholarship recipients Connor Snover and Audrey Engelbrecht were congratulated as they graduated from high school. Grace Azzolino was also recognized upon receiving her Master's degree.

...reviewed the Nominating Committee job description. Elder McCauley will update the document for Session approval at the August 16, 2016 meeting.

...heard a report from Finance Team Co-Chairs, Sandy McCauley and Barb Wasmer on changes to finance procedures and documentation. Records will now be maintained electronically. The system is password protected. Quarterly statements to congregation members regarding status of pledge commitment and other donations will be issued. This confidential information is password-protected with limited access only. The new system will be able to display all financial transactions related to budget, designated funds, donations, etc. The new procedures will be refined as needed. The Finance Team and Trustees will be updating the job description of the Finance Team. ...discussed a date for the Annual Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons.

...heard a report from Elder Wasmer of the May 24, 2016 Presbytery meeting. She noted that Adam and Whitney Scoville gave a presentation on an opportunity to participate in our mission trip to Honduras. She noted that Jim Renfrew is the newly installed Moderator of Presbytery. There were several recognized for years of service. There was discussion about the sale of Lakeside Church.

...discussed the Personnel Committee report prepared by Elder Horton who noted how productive the process was this year for providing feedback to staff members and the opportunity to engage in discussion with our staff.

...approved the amended job description for Office Administrator.

...approved new hours for the Office Administrator beginning July 1, 2016.

...accepted the report of the Personnel Committee with thanks and appreciation for their excellent, caring work. ...discussed the Sexual Misconduct Policy and requirements by Presbytery for periodic review. Elder Huffman will investigate with regard to requirements for our annual minutes review.

...received the Memorial Fund Report prepared by Alice Hassett, Memorial Fund Coordinator.

...accepted the report from the Chair of Board of Trustees Andrew Atwater, that review of the church's insurance has occurred and that the church continues to have insurance (i.e. fire, liability, and Workmen's Compensation thru Christopher Williams Agency as per Presbyterian policy).

...discussed the Eagle Scout Project for painting the church and expressed appreciation for the work of the Scout, Nicholas Rivers, our Trustees, and other volunteers.

*~Remitted by,
Elder Nancy Huffman, Clerk of Session*



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Contact Sharon Breeze (293-1340) or Pastor Brandi on Sunday, or call the Church Office (889-9896).

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE!

Thank you to everyone for the setup/cleanup help, for your donations, and for shopping at our June rummage sale! We raised about \$712 from the sale + about \$241 from the basket raffle that Sharon Breeze organized. More funds may be coming. All proceeds will go to our Mission Fund to support the Honduras Mission Trip in September.

~Roger Willis



Thank you to everyone who participated in the discussions for the review process of the staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Chili. The Personnel Committee believes that the discussions were very fruitful.

Our church is blessed to have staff members who work well with our congregation and who approach their jobs with great passion!

*~Your Personnel Committee
Tim Engelbrecht, Harvey Heer, Alice Hassett, Carrie Horton, Pastor Brandi Wooten*

BASKET RAFFLE RESULTS

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The support for the Basket Raffle for our 11 "mission trippers" heading to Honduras in September was **OVERWHELMING!!** We raised **\$405.00** to help defray the cost of the trip! Thanks go out to local businesses and all who donated items and gift certificates -- and to everyone who bought *1 ticket ... or 20 tickets!* The winning tickets were pulled on Sunday, June 26th by Whitney Scoville, who is organizing the mission trip.

Tea Basket – Nancy Stein (a long-time member of CPC)

Fiesta Basket – Jean Bartholomew

Kindle – Brian Gernhardt



... to everyone who donated to SWEM in May and June. Fifteen bags of food and supplies were delivered to SWEM to help fill the food cupboard shelves.

Please continue to donate food and supplies to SWEM during the summer months. June marks the beginning of one of the busiest times for food cupboards -- since children no longer have free lunches at school. Of course, the need of senior citizens for weekly food baskets exists throughout the year. Also food donations tend to drop off during the traditional vacation time of summer.

Your continued support is appreciated and greatly needed by those who depend on food cupboards.

*~Thank you and have a great summer,
Jane & Fred Schulitz*



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Six enthusiastic knitters and "wanna-be-knitters" got together for our initial gathering. There was a lot of

excitement about prayer shawls and the ministry they will provide, plus great fellowship. We will be meeting again on **Tuesday, July 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Nancy Huffman.**

You don't need to know how to knit -- we will teach you and provide materials. EVERYONE is welcome -- we would love to have you join us! If you can't come to the next gathering, but would like to be a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact Sandy McCauley at 615-1911 and she will help you get started.

THANK YOU

to the volunteers serving in July and August:

July 3*

Greeters: Laurie DePaul and Sandy McCauley
Jr. Greeter: None Assigned
Childcare: Lori Gittens
***Communion:** Alice Zah, Sandy McCauley, Roger Willis

July 10

Greeters: Mark Baker and Portia Westfall
Jr. Greeter: None assigned
Childcare: Laurie Stowe

July 17

Greeters: Alice Alger and Gary Alger
Jr. Greeter: None Assigned
Childcare: Gail McArthur

July 24

Greeters: Becky Gernhardt and Whitney Scoville
Jr. Greeter: None Assigned
Childcare: Kathy Mathewson

July 31

Greeters: Sue Johnson and Laurie Stowe
Jr. Greeter: None Assigned
Childcare: Judie McGaffick

August 7*

Greeters: Sue Atwater and Gail McArthur
Jr. Greeter: None Assigned
Childcare: Pat Olson
***Communion:** Sue Atwater, Gail McArthur, Dodie Kasiske

August 14

Greeters: Lori Gittens and Sherman Gittens
Jr. Greeter: None Assigned
Childcare: Brenda Naugle

August 21

Greeters: Bruce Olson and Pat Olson
Jr. Greeter: None Assigned
Childcare: Karen Shaffer

August 28

Greeters: Laurie DePaul and Sandy McCauley
Jr. Greeter: None Assigned
Childcare: Lisa Snover

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Session and Scholarship Committee from the First Presbyterian Church of Chili are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016 Scholarships: **Audrey Engelbrecht and Connor Snover.**

Audrey is the daughter of Marla Guarnieri and Tim Engelbrecht, and is a recent graduate of Gates-Chili High School. In the fall she hopes to further her education by continuing her love of Cosmetology. She hopes to one day own her own business.

Audrey has been loved and supported by Chili Presbyterian Church since she was a baby. She feels that the church has given her many opportunities to grow. She has been active in the life of the church through her participation in Youth Group, Mission Trips, Triennium, volunteering for the clothing shed, and playing the piano during church services. She has also donated her time to the community by volunteering at the Open Door Mission, collecting money for St. Jude's Hospital, and collecting food for the Boy Scouts.

Connor is the son of Lisa and Jeff Snover and graduated from Churchville-Chili High School in June. Connor will be attending Mercyhurst College in the fall to pursue a career as a Physician's Assistant, a Chiropractor, or in the field of Pharmacology. His interest is in better medical treatment for individuals.

Connor feels that the life lessons he has learned from participating in the many opportunities through Chili Pres have taught him teamwork in achieving common goals, motivation to increase productivity, and that interaction between people is ideal for learning communication and self-expression. Connor has been an active member of the Youth Group and went on four Mission Trips. Connor was an active member of the Honor Roll, Varsity Hockey, JV Lacrosse, and Government and Community Visitations in school. He also volunteered through Friends of Strong, Open Door Mission, and at Scottsville Animal Shelter.



***Chili Presbyterian Church
congratulates these graduates
and we wish them love and success
as they pursue their dreams.***



PC(USA) LEADERS ISSUE POST-GA LETTER TO THE CHURCH

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, there is a new season in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as witnessed by the actions of the 222nd General Assembly (2016). The body of 594 commissioners who gathered June 18-25 in Portland, Oregon, elected Co-Moderators Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, and J. Herbert Nelson as the Stated Clerk. Both were historic, and both signal a new way forward for our church.

The business decisions made by the body also were transformative for the 1,572,660 members and 9,642 churches of the PC(USA). The work wasn't easy, and involved careful deliberations. Collectively, the body acted on nearly 100 overtures by discerning the will of Christ.

Among other things, we now have a new addition to our *Book of Confessions* – the Confession of Belhar. It is the first of our confessions that comes from the global south. And, the PC(USA) has a new Directory for Worship; and Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and Procedures. God is truly guiding us to be more faithful and just to all of God's creations.

Much discussion has been taking place around the identity and purpose of the denomination, and this week the assembly voted to create a 12-member Way Forward Commission "to study and identify a vision for the structure and function of the General Assembly agencies of the PC(USA)," and a 15-member 2020 Vision Team to "develop a guiding statement for the denomination and make a plan for its implementation."

To quote Stated Clerk-elect J. Herbert Nelson, "We are not dead ... we are alive, we are reforming and we are transforming this world, one person at a time."

Looking outward, the assembly voted to engage in selective, phased divestment from fossil-fuel companies through the PC(USA)'s Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee, and re-affirmed a two-state solution for Israel-Palestine.

Please know this is only a snapshot of the actions taken, and just a glimpse at where God is leading this denomination. Complete business actions can be viewed at www.pc-biz.org.

We are, brothers and sisters, in a new season. It's exciting, but also a little scary. Yet in the midst of it all, take comfort that God is still guiding and controlling all – and we need not fear. God is calling us to hope, and to God be the glory!

The Reverend Gradye Parsons
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

The Reverend Denise Anderson
and the Reverend Jan Edmiston
Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016)

Ruling Elder Tony De La Rosa
Interim Ex. Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency

SUMMER WORSHIP

Our worship start time will remain at 10:00 a.m. through the summer.

FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Hour will resume in September.



**Beginning on Monday June 20th,
the Church Office hours will be:**

**Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.**

This schedule will be observed year-round.

*The office is closed Monday and Friday.
As always, you can leave a secure message
on the answering machine anytime!*
Candy Rogers



**We are hosting a Book Drive at Chili Pres
to benefit the Book Angel Program
through the Rochester Public Library.**

**We need gently used books
for ages birth through 16 yrs.**

**The Book Drive will be held:
Sat. July 30th (10-4) & Sun. July 31st (11-2).**

**Questions?
Contact Grace Azzolina
(Pentecost Season Team Member)**

Sunday, August 21st

* Flowers for Shut-Ins *

Watch for details in Sunday PowerPoints,
or call the office at 889-9896 for info.



The First Presbyterian Church of Chili
is hosting a Life Line Screening event this summer!

Come to Chili Pres on Monday, August 22nd
to take advantage of this screening.

Please call 888-653-6450 to register
for your screening and to receive a \$10 discount, or visit
www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners.

- ✓ Get your Personalized Prevention Plan the same day
- ✓ Convenient one-on-one assessment with a Licensed Nurse Practitioner
- ✓ Develop a Personalized Prevention and Wellness Plan designed to keep you independent and active
- ✓ An Annual Wellness Visit may seem similar to an annual physical, but it's different in many ways. An AWW provides a plan for better health, enabling you and your doctor to plan your preventive screenings and immunizations for the next 5-10 years

We are hosting this event as part of
"Caring for the Community" –
please participate, and tell your friends and neighbors!

**Deadline for articles for the
SEPTEMBER ISSUE of
"Roots & Wings"**

Tuesday, August 23rd, by 10 a.m.

200th ANNIVERSARY CONGRATS From the White House!



200th ANNIVERSARY Proclamation!



WELCOME TO PENTECOST SEASON 2016

“Rekindle the Spirit Within Us”

Fan the flame of God’s Gifts so that we can serve God with passion and fervor.

Plan: 3-28-16 / 5-14-16 / Implement: 5-15-16 to 9-10-16

*Dave Abell, Grace Azzolino, Evan Engelbrecht,
Alice Hassett, Portia Westfall, Roger Willis (facilitator)*



Sunday, May 15th -- Pentecost Season Begins

The Pentecost Season Team will provide refreshments.

Sunday, May 22nd -- Chili Presbyterian 200th Anniversary Supper

This is a special dinner as provided by the 200th Anniversary Task Force.

Saturday, June 4th and Sunday June 5th -- Rummage Sale

The proceeds will go to help fund the upcoming Mission Trip to Honduras in September 2016. We are looking for donations to start May 23rd and volunteer support for setup (May 31st - June 3rd) and sale days (June 4th and June 5th).

Sunday, June 12th -- Chili Presbyterian 200th Anniversary Celebration

The 200th Anniversary Task Force is providing a fun day of activities.

Sunday, July 10th -- Hidden Valley Animal Adventures, Varysburg, NY

Plan a fun activity for the whole family. This is a unique adventure to see many animals up close – camels, zebras, wildebeests, llamas, emu, bison, ostriches -- and many more.

\$16 adults / \$13 (3-10) / 2 and under Free. These are ~15% reduced costs if we get 25 people. This will be a private tour with our own cart pulled by a tractor.

<http://hiddenvalleyadventure.com/>

Signup in Fellowship Hall!

July 30th -- 31st -- Book Drive

The books are for 3rd Grade children in the City of Rochester. This is to fulfill a strong need for literacy improvement among the poor who lack easy access to libraries.

Check out page 6 of this newsletter.

August 21st -- Flowers for Shut-Ins

We will be collecting home-grown flowers from the congregation to be delivered to shut-ins.

More details to follow.



Fellowship

Other fellowship activities may be planned during the summer. Watch for details.



SEPTEMBER 21-30, 2016

This September Chili Presbyterian Church is going to Honduras! A group of 11 will be flying to Honduras to work with an organization called **Shoulder to Shoulder**.

During our time there we will be working at a bilingual school in Camasca, Intibucá Honduras. We will be providing some much-needed repairs to the school and school grounds in addition to working with the students singing songs, doing crafts, and teaching Bible stories.

We have been so blessed by our congregation and thank you for the ongoing support we have received from you all.

As we continue to plan we still need support. Interested in being a part of this Mission Trip? We could use prayer partners, letters of encouragement to open in Honduras, and financial support to fund the trip.

*~Thank you with much gratitude,
The Honduras Crew*

*Andy Atwater, Jeff Bartholomew,
Tony Filer, Chris Foote, Lori Gittens,
Jan & Bill Hoyt, Pat Jones,
Whitney & Adam Scoville, Dan Wooten*

Save The Date

FASHIONS **THROUGH THE DECADES** **PLUS** **A TEA PARTY**

*As a culminating activity
for our 200th Anniversary Celebration,
the Committee, in conjunction with the
Harvest Season Team –
is hosting a Fashion Show!*

*Fashions throughout the 19th, 20th,
and 21st centuries will be highlighted
and the fashions will be followed
by a Tea Party!*

*This event will be open
for our church and our community.
Watch for details in the September
and October issues of "Roots & Wings" –
but for now, MARK YOUR CALENDARS:*

October 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

*Join us for an informative, fun,
one-of-kind event!*



Thoughts from the Minister of Music – Summer 2016

Inside the mind of a song writer...

First of all, thank you to all who were involved in making our Bicentennial Service a huge success! I had spent many nights over the last few months going over and over what that service was going to be. I had two main hopes for the service: I wanted it to be memorable and I wanted God to be the center of our praise as we celebrated. As I began planning, I was handed many bulletins from previous anniversary services in our church to give me ideas, including a bulletin that was 100 years old! I knew that the service was going to be historic, and I could feel God's presence many times throughout my planning.

Which leads me to the task I had to complete. The committee planning for the service came to me a couple months prior and asked if I would write a song for our anniversary. This may have been prompted due to my predecessor, Anne House, who was very fluent in song writing, and had written many songs in our church during her long tenure. Her song, "Little White Church" will forever be etched into our church history, and we were lucky enough to have Anne return at the anniversary to share the song once more.

And so my task began. Now I am a song writer. I have written many songs over the years for many things – never a 200 year church anniversary though. But for those who might be unaware, I do a lot of songwriting, and I even did my master's thesis on the process of songwriting (Although, I am not sure I proved anything in that thesis, but hey I graduated). There is something amazing about being able to sit down and create music from nothing. One thing I have learned about songwriting is that timing is everything. There are times when I sit down to write something and nothing comes out. Then there are times when I feel the presence of God connect with me, and the words come so quickly that I cannot write fast enough.

So the next day after I was asked to write a song, I found myself sitting at my desk working on something completely different, and then it hits me. It was maybe 3 minutes of quickly writing the words. I spent another 7 minutes singing the melody to perfection. I had the chorus of the song complete, and I knew right away that it was the beginning of something special.

After this profound moment, I let the song sit for at LEAST a month. I didn't look at it. I didn't sing it. What was amazing about this part of the process is that, even though I wasn't actively working on this song, God was using it to work on me. I would lay in bed wide awake for numerous nights singing choir background parts. I also knew God was telling me to add parts of the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." Now that is a nice hymn, but by no means is it my favorite. So why did I pick that hymn? In this process, God was teaching me that this anniversary song was to be about what our purpose as a church has been, is, and will be going forward -- and that is to be a worship-filled congregation.

My goal for this song was to create something that was a proclamation of our God who reigns in our church, and that we will not tire of worshipping this Great God. It is a great accomplishment for us to come together as a community for 200 years, but I believe that God has sustained us as a congregation all this time because we have great and mighty works to be done in the Lord's name within this church, and our worship should reflect that.

I sat down and finished writing the verses in about an hour, approximately 3 weeks before the service. Everything that I had been singing over and over in my head, over many sleepless nights, translated to paper very quickly. Without missing a beat, I then started to write choir parts, and this was about a 4 hour process. I was surprised at how quickly this came together. This process usually takes more time, and can be tough to do. It is like creating a song within a song, and sometimes inspiration for that can be tough. But God's hand was directing, and to complete this task in 4 hours was definitely God-breathed.

So why did I spend all this time sharing this story with you? I want you to know that I wrote this song for every generation of this church. God has been here throughout every generation, and has appointed people to lead us every step of the way. You are a part of the collective voice of this church, and your praise and worship to our God is so essential for our longevity. All I ever hope to be as Minister of Music in this church is the person that God uses to bring us closer together in our worship of God in the various forms of music we share. And God used this song to do so.

So no matter where you are in this community we call church -- have confidence in your worship with our Creator. We are the present generation, and we will take a stand to claim Christ's reign in our church. And if you would like to relive our experience from the Bicentennial Service (or hear it for the first time), go to our church website and listen to the song and service again. Sing it with confidence. Listen to the joy that filled the room on that great day of June 12, 2016. I left church that day feeling electric and supercharged in a profound way, as did many others. Know that God will forever reign, "Here in this Place," and let us celebrate our great joy, and proudly worship God!

*~Be blessed (as I have been overwhelming blessed) and continue to let the music play,
Adam*

Have a
great
summer!

“Here in This Place”

by Adam Scoville

*Dedicated to the Bicentennial Anniversary
of The First Presbyterian Church of Chili -- June 12, 2016*

Looking back through history
Of what this church has done
The pages are real clear to me
God’s presence here has won

With stories of togetherness
And laughter, joy and tears
It’s true the little church on the hill
Has served for many years

And it’s through Christ’s love that we can stand as one
And declare that He still has a plan for us

From week to week, And year to year
We worship You, God we worship You
And from ages past To the years ahead
We proclaim Your hope, We proclaim Your love
And from generation to generation we proclaim
That our God Reigns, Here in this place

The love that God has had for us
Is merciful and true
In times of great uncertainty
God’s hands carried us through

And if these white walls could speak to us
And tell us what they’ve seen
I know they would shout the praise of the King
And remind us why we sing

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Only thou art holy; There is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

God we worship You
God we worship You

And from generation to generation we proclaim
That our God reigns
Here in this place

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