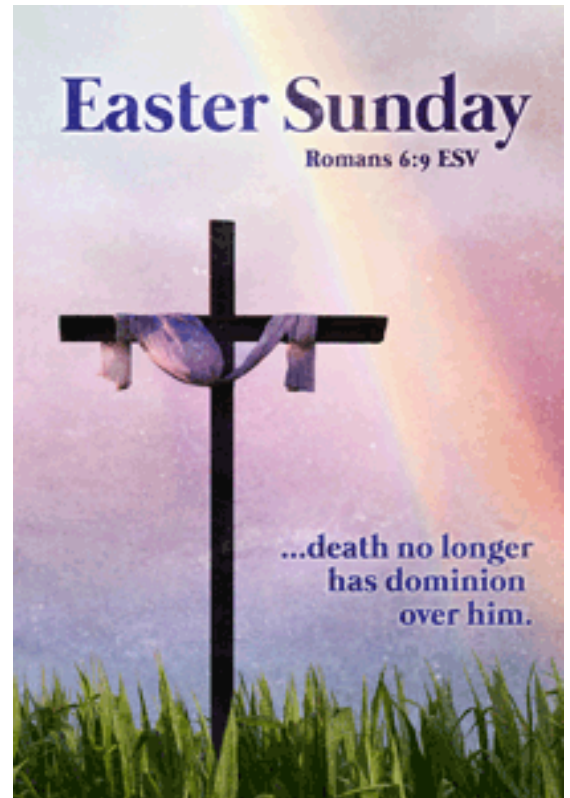


First Reformed United Church of Christ

*Where People Discover...
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

**April 1, 2018
11:00 a.m.**

Easter Sunday



The Worship of God

Liturgist: June Grubb

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews if you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else. Please place these in the offering plate when passed.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered and hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Choral Call to Worship

*Easter Acclamation

Elizabeth Horton

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Insert

*Invocation

June Grubb

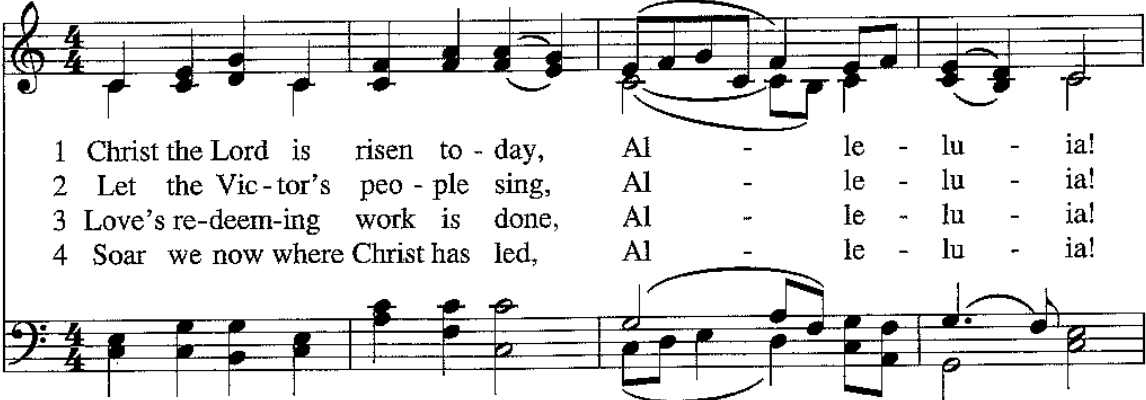
Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

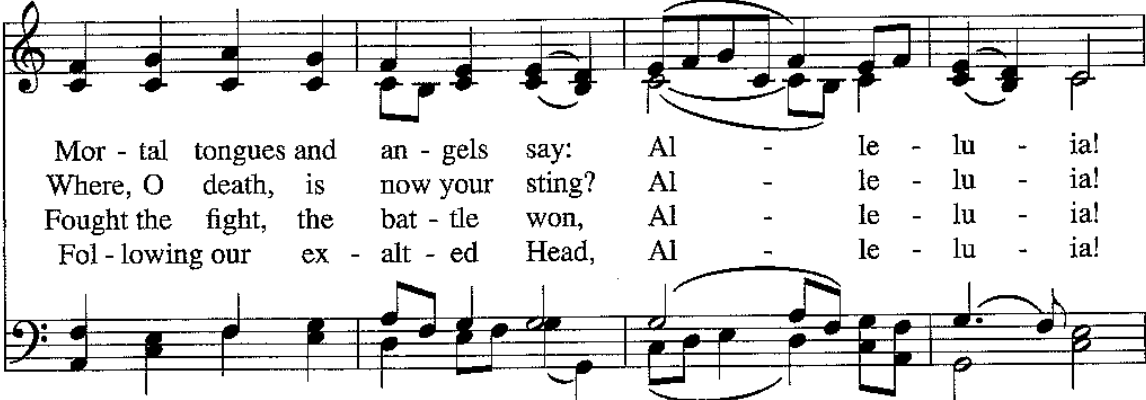
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; I Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.



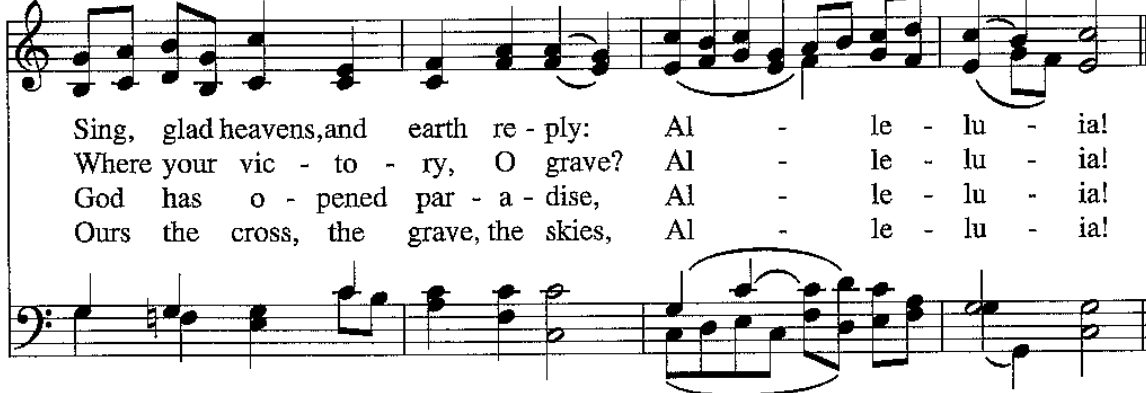
1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

Liturgist: This is the day:

People: When hope tiptoes us awake; light guides us through the shadows.

Liturgist: This is the day:

People: When God plants joy in our winter hearts and drowns out despair's cries with laughter.

Liturgist: This is the day:

People: When grace does cartwheels in graveyards and resurrection wonder outshines the brightest sun;

All: Today the empty tomb fills us with good news. Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Elizabeth Horton

Prayer of Confession

God of the Empty Tomb, we must confess how human we are. We continue to cling to selfish and stubborn ways. We see a hungry world before us, the pain of starving children, and the guilt of violence on our hands, and we know that collectively we share in those injustices. Forgive us of the damage we have done, and have mercy upon our weakness. Fill us with your love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world.

Assurance of Pardon

Elizabeth Horton

Proclaiming

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

All youth are invited to join in this worship at the front.

Anthem:

"A Day of Celebration"

Martin and Nix

*This is the day, a time for rejoicing. This is the moment for worship and praise.
This is the place for new alleluias. Lift up your voice and celebrate grace.*

*Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen! All of creation, awaken the dawn.
Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen!*

Let there be music, let there be song! Let there be music, let there be song!

*This is the day for hope and thanksgiving. This is the time for glory to shine.
This is the call to live and be grateful, sharing with all God's wondrous design.*

*Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen! All of creation, awaken the dawn.
Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen!*

Let there be music, let there be song! Let there be music, let there be song!

Let there be music, let there be song.

*I know that my Redeemer liveth and on the earth again shall stand;
I know eternal life He giveth, that grace and power, are in His hand.*

*This is the day, a time for rejoicing. This is the moment for worship and praise.
This is the place for new alleluias. Lift up your voice and celebrate grace.*

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*Let there be music, let there be song! Let there be music, let there be song!
Let there be music, let there be song!*

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18 Elizabeth Horton
(Pew Bible page 988)

Sermon: "Being Known" Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Hymn: "I Come to the Garden Alone" Insert

Prayers of the People Elizabeth Horton

Connecting with One Another Elizabeth Horton

Invitation to Receive Our Tithes and Offerings Elizabeth Horton

Offertory

*Prayer of Dedication: June Grubb

Sending

*Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection" Insert

*Charge Elizabeth Horton

Leader: On this morning, we welcome God's good news for our lives,
People: and go out to share it with everyone we meet.

Leader: Tomorrow morning, we will go with Jesus to serve the world,
People: to bring healing to the broken, hope for the despairing.

Leader: On every morning to come, we will join the Spirit in living the gospel,
People: to embrace those abandoned by others, to speak out for all whose voices are silenced by fears.

*Benediction Elizabeth Horton

*Choral Response

Postlude

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

I Come to the Garden Alone

(In the Garden)

John 20:14-18

C. Austin Miles, 1912

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
3 I'd stay in the gar - den with him, though the night a - round me be

ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -
fall - ing; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Refrain
Son of God dis - clos - es.
in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

C. Austin Miles wrote this hymn and its music to tell the story of Mary Magdalene's encounter with Jesus at the tomb, when she recognizes him and calls him "Rabboni" ("Teacher").

Tune: GARDEN 8.9.5.5.7. with refrain
C. Austin Miles, 1912

The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, 8th century

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God,
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,
our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain,
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

*A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn.
John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.*

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.

Henry T. Smart, 1836



Easter Lilies

You may take your lilies with you as you leave the sanctuary this morning.

In Loving Memory of...

Betty Bates

Juanita & Henry "Junior" Beck

Doris Biesecker

Butch and Ruby Bouchard

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Briggs

Dedra Jo Clark

Henry & Mary Crouse

Bill Everhart

Hoy Lee & Ethel Hedrick Fisher and

Howard D. & Pearl Sharp Shepherd

Everette "Bud" Fritts

W. James & Arline Grubb

John, Mabel & Jack Hancock

Kim Isenhour

Sue & Dalma Lee Jessup

Damian Alvarez Joseph

H.C. & Rachael Koonts

Frank & Willie Ruth Leonard

Paul & Edna Odom

Wilma B. Potts

Dawn Shaak

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Ray & Dorothy Shaak

Rev. Banks Shepherd

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Joseph & Mary Dot Walters

Mary Lou Winters

In Honor of...

Eddie & Jemmietta Allred

Raeann & Chris Allred and Holt Biesecker

Ruth Bailey Fritts

Adam and Rebecca McKerlie

Lee Ann Peele

Ellen Peterson

Mike Price

Bob Shaak

Eulene F. Shepherd

Rob, Noah, Chloe & Mary Taylor

Given by...

Calvin & Susan Odom

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Lisa Nelson

Tony & Amy Hedrick, Phil & Alma Bouchard
and Lee & Ellen Bouchard

John Potts & Janette Neal

Eddie & Belinda Yates and Allyson Clark

Henry & Kay Crouse

Ron & Heidi Hutcheson

Eulene & Family

Ann & Walter Hoffman

June Grubb

Lee & Ellen Bouchard

Ron & Heidi Hutcheson

Mary Jo & Lee Jessup

Eddie & Belinda Yates and Allyson Clark

Bob Shaak & Family

Frank Leonard, Jr.

Calvin & Susan Odom

John Potts & Janette Neal

Bob Shaak & Family

Raeann & Chris Allred and Holt Biesecker

Bob Shaak & Family

His Children

Eulene & Family

Mary Jo & Lee Jessup

Michell Winters

Given by...

Chris & Raeann Allred

Bob Shaak

Ann & Walter Hoffman

Brian McKerlie

The Senior Choir

The Senior Choir

Brian McKerlie

Raeann & Chris Allred and Holt Biesecker

Her Children

Bob Shaak

Upcoming Events

FINAL DAY TO PREORDER A DIRECTORY TOMORROW, APRIL 2nd! Please let the office know if you'd like one of the new directories. The cost is undetermined at this time, but you are under **NO OBLIGATION** to purchase if you pre-order. We need a general idea of how many to order.

ADDITIONAL COLLECTION DAYS have been added for the Girl Scouts "40 BAGS in 40 DAYS" DECLUTTER CHALLENGE. You may bring items by the church the following days and times:

Monday, April 2 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, April 3 3-6:00pm

Thursday, April 5 12-5:00pm

THE YARD SALE IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 7 from 8:00am-2:00pm in the grassy area in front of the playground. **RAIN DATE FOR THE YARD SALE WILL BE APRIL 14.**

THE STILL SPEAKING CLASS is starting a 6-week session based on Rob Bell's "Nooma" video series. Jesus inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. "Nooma" is a series of short films that explore our world from Jesus' perspective. The 6-week series is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. No preparation needed.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB'S TRIP to the Butterfly Farm in High Point is planned for Wednesday, April 25. If you are interested in going on this trip, you need let Cathy Waitman know by **Sunday, April 8**. We must have a minimum of 20 people in order to get weekday reservations.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE will be held for the general public Friday, April 13 from 9:00am-5:30pm and also Saturday, April 14 9:00am-noon and 1-3:00pm. More information can be found on page 9 of the April Newsletter.

CONFIRMANTS TO VISIT CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM IN GREENSBORO on **Saturday, April 14**. If others, 9th grade or older, would like to accompany the group on this trip, please contact the church office. Someone will contact you with more information about cost, meeting time and duration of the trip.

SAVE THE DATE for INTERFAITH FORUM #4 on April 22 from 4:00-5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest will be Najjla Faizi, the Program Director for Muslim Life at Wake Forest University. Come learn about Islam.

THE NEXT FAMILIES FIRST GATHERING is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 at Joy Walser's house from 5-7:00pm. Please bring a snack or appetizer to share.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY will be Pentecost, May 20th 2018. Please let Rev. Horton know if you are interested in joining and/or learning more about the church.

SAVE the DATE

ORGAN RECITAL

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH AT 3:00PM

FIRST REFORMED UCC SANCTUARY

VARIOUS ORGANISTS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES ON PIANO, HARP AND SAXOPHONE

VOCAL PERFORMANCES

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 8 EASTER SUNDAY...NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30am Light Easter Breakfast prepared by Jerry Lovell:
Ham biscuits, sausage biscuits, fruit, pastries, juice & coffee
10:00am Children's Easter Egg Hunt
11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, April 2 10-2:00 Declutter Challenge Drop Off
5:00pm Tutoring
6:30pm Open Hands Ministry {FH}

Tuesday, April 3 10:00am Weaving Women {WW Classroom}
6:30pm Bd. of Christian Education {Rm. 102}

Wednesday, April 4 11:00am Morning Glory Circle {P}
Bell Choir & Senior Choir WILL NOT meet this evening

Thursday, April 5 12-5:00pm Declutter Challenge Drop Off
5:30pm YOGA Class {P}
7:00pm Square Dancing {FH}

Friday, April 6 5:30pm Confirmation Class

Saturday, April 7 **GIRL SCOUT YARD SALE 8:00am-2:00pm**
GRASSY AREA IN FRONT OF PLAYGROUND
(RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 14)

Sunday, April 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:45am Children – JAM with Ellen Peterson & Carolyn Robbins
New Way – studying Romans with Dave Fulton
Willing Workers – studying Genesis with Doug Sink
Still Speaking Class – studying Rob Bell's "Nooma" video series
with Elizabeth Horton {P}

10:30am First Sunday Social: Dave & Glenyce Fulton
11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {April 1-7}

Birthdays	April 4	Larry Link Ashlee Snider
	April 5	Caroline Hooper
	April 6	Mary Berrier
	April 7	Mike Brown

Anniversaries	April 1	Bill & Cheryl Walser
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Thank You for Serving Our Church

USHERS: John Gray, John Maze, Bonita Hooper, Bill Robbins, Linda Sink

PLATE ATTENDANT: John Smith

YOUTH USHER: Patrick Horton

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Calvin Odom

ACOLYTE: Parker Horton

GREETERS: John & Susie Smith & Jonathan Kepley

BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Dave Fulton & Jeremy Peterson

- ❖ A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom {through left door at chancel.}
- ❖ A comfort area with rocking chair, monitor and speaker is available if you need to leave the sanctuary to calm or soothe a baby or young child {through left or right door at chancel.}

Our Church at Prayer



We extend sympathy to Valerie Price and family for the loss of Joyce Price. Please be in prayer for the family during this difficult time.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or call the church office at 336-248-2617.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Ruth Essick, Carolyn Spivey, Peggy Bates, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart

HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Rita Tussey, Adena Wall, Marzell Crotts, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle

OUR FRIENDS: Louis Honeycutt, Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Jonelle, Parker (friend of Frank Leonard), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1st UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves (Epworth UMC in Concord), Virginia Byars (friend of Alisa Johnson), Derrick Wong (friend of Joni Walser), Ashley Anderson (Lee Ann Peele's cousin), Judy Stanley (family of Alane Holste), Danny Lloyd (Frank Callicutt's father), Lynn Mack (friend of Mary Berrier), Dot Crotts (Frank Leonard's aunt), Doris Brown (Mike & Lynn Brown's sister-in-law), Ronald Yates, (Eddie Yates' dad), Nell and Ken Holmes (neighbors of Jerry and Patti Lovell), Jeffery Saunders (Amy Hedrick's son), Debra Craver (friend of Alisa Johnson)

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