

Thank You for Serving Our Church

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my brother, Lonnie F. Grubb; given by Rev. June Grubb.

USHERS: Mike Brown, Keith Johnson, Matthew Johnson,
Ramona Yarbrough, Jeremy Peterson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Doug Sink

YOUTH USHER: Kalyssa Hutchens

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Dave Fulton

ACOLYTE: Ava Miller

GREETERS: Buddy & Rita Lohr

BIBLE STEWARD: Emory Smith

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Anne Bevan & Cheryl Walser

- ❖ A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom {through left door at the 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

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: Doug Sink, Ruth Fritts (Hinkle Hospice Home), Marguerite Leonard, June Grubb, Peggy Bates, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart, Margie & Vogen Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: Patti Hartzog (friend of Glenyce Fulton), Patsy Bailey Via (Peggy Bates' sister), Sandra Johnson (friend of Patti & Jerry Lovell), Dennis Yocum (Carolyn Yocum's son), Ikie Trexler (friend of Mike & Lynn Brown), Eddie Wray (friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (friend of Susie Smith), Susan & Joe Calloway (friends of Patti Lovell), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Ronald Yates (Eddie Yates' dad), Harold Peoples (friend of Cheryl Walser), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1st UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves, Ashley Hutcheson (Heidi & Ron Hutcheson's daughter-in-law), Morgan Cecil (daughter of Charm & Steve Ketner)

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First Reformed United Church of Christ



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

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



May 27, 2018
11:00am

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.

The Worship of God

Trinity Sunday

Liturgist: Patti Lovell

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

Choral Call to Worship

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 14-17

Patti Lovell

(Pew Bible page 1030)

*Call to Worship

Patti Lovell

Leader: God, who flung the stars into the night sky, rejoices over all creation, especially us!

People: Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden our hearts with your goodness and grace.

Leader: Christ, the Word of joy and life, fills all creation with hope, especially us!

People: Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim our hearts as your own.

Leader: The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness, gives all creation the gift of peace, especially us!

People: Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us with the dew of delight.

* Hymn:

"Come Now, Almighty God"

Insert

Centering

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to go to Children's Church.

Prayer of Confession

Patti Lovell

Leader: Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being.

People: Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties

Leader: We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us.

People: We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, of Christ as Redeemer, and of the Holy Spirit as ever-present sustainer.

Leader: We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all.

People: Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love.

Assurance of Pardon

Elizabeth Horton

Prayer for Memorial Day

Elizabeth Horton

Proclaiming

Anthem:

"In Christ Alone"

(Arr. Harlan)

*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*There in the ground His body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*In Christ alone I place my trust and find my glory in the power of the cross.
In every victory let it be said of me, my source of strength, my source of hope is Christ alone.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

*In Christ alone I place my trust and find my glory in the power of the cross.
In every victory let it be said of me, my source of strength, my source of hope is Christ alone.
In every victory let it be said of me, my source of strength, my source of hope is Christ alone*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6: 1-8
(Pew Bible page 622)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon:

“Comfort Zone”

Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Insert

Connecting in Ministry

Linda Sink

Invitation to Receive Our Tithes and Offering

Elizabeth Horton

Offertory

*Pentecost Doxology

Tune: “Old Hundredth” Text: Roger Lynn

Praise God whose breath fills all the earth,
Whose love reveals our sacred worth,
Whose Spirit forms one family,
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Patti Lovell

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Patti Lovell

Leader: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

People: Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

Congregational Response

Peace I leave with you, my friends, Shalom, my peace, in all you do.

Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.

*Postlude

***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

Prayer Circle will gather by the Chancel.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Come Now, Almighty God

Anon., English, c. 1757; alt.

1 Come now, Al - might - y God, help us your
 2 Come now, In - car - nate Word, by heaven and
 3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, your sa - cred
 4 To you, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to laud; our songs we raise:
 earth a - dored; our prayer at - tend:
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be for ev - er - more.

Rul - er all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and your peo - ple bless, and give your word suc - cess;
 Your grace to us im - part, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Your sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
 grant us your ho - li - ness, Sav - ior and Friend!
 nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

This anonymous English hymn to the Trinity was first published in George Whitefield's Collection, 1757. This tune was composed especially for this text by Giardini, who was a brilliant violinist.

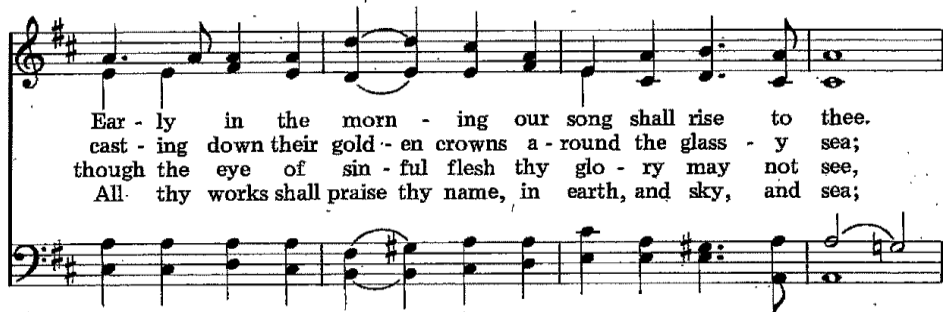
Tune: ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.
Felice de Giardini, 1769

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

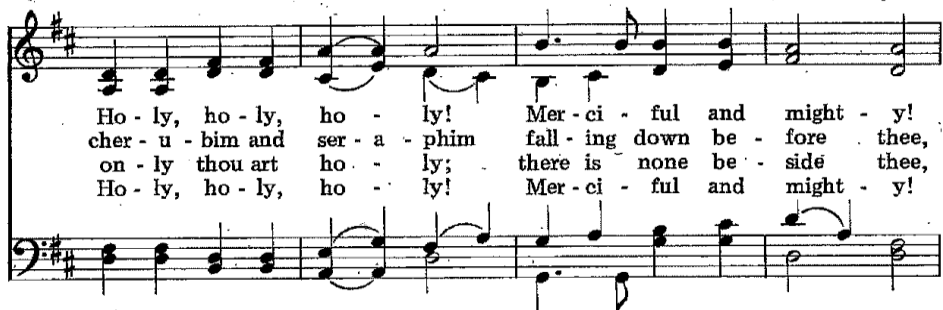
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. Rev. 4:8



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful flesh thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826, alt.
MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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Upcoming Events

OPEN DATE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

June 3 is an open date for altar flowers. If you are interested in having flowers placed in honor or memory of someone on this date, please contact Betty Link. (jll3@ptmc.net)

AFTER WORSHIP...

PRAYER CIRCLE MINISTRY!

Meet at the front of the sanctuary to spend about 5 minutes in a Prayer Circle. Ben Hale will lead an intercessory prayer over the names in the prayer box. We will try to fulfill the scripture from I Timothy 2: 1, "*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.*" Prayer Circle will continue weekly following worship.

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR DIRECTORY!

Following worship this morning, directories will be available for pick up in the Narthex. The cost is \$20. They will also be available in the church office during the week.

PLEASE SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH ITEMS FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC

Sign-up sheets can be found in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. **Please sign up for items by June 3rd.**

GRADUATION SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY

Please advise the church of any milestones achieved in education. If your child is graduating from kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school or college, please let us know today.

REGISTER NOW FOR

VBS – Shipwrecked

At Second Reformed UCC

June 17 – 21

Meal 5:30 – 6:00

Program 6:00 – 7:30

Children

Preschool...Fifth Grade

(Nursery available for under age three)



Themes

Sunday: When You're Lonely – Jesus Rescues!

Monday: When You Worry – Jesus Rescues!

Tuesday: When You Struggle – Jesus Rescues!

Wednesday: When You Do Wrong – Jesus Rescues!

Thursday: When You're Powerless – Jesus Rescues!

Meals

Sunday: Hotdogs, baked beans, chips, cupcakes

Monday: Spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic toast, cookies

Tuesday: Tacos (beef & chicken), banana pudding

Wednesday: Hamburgers, pasta salad, corn, ice cream

Thursday: Pizza, salad, cupcakes

Middle/High School and Adults Class with Rev. Jim Luck

“WORSHIP 101: VBS - It's Not Just for Kids Anymore!”

These are just some of the questions we'll be exploring in our Adult VBS class this month. Each night we'll study a little, but we will also sing, look at art and experience other ways of worshipping. So come with your questions, come ready to learn and come ready to have some fun. After all, it is VBS!

- ◆ Why are Baptist and Catholic and Pentecostal worship services so different?
- ◆ Is there a right way to do worship?
- ◆ Why can't the minister/music director pick some “real” hymns to sing?
- ◆ Why do some churches take communion every Sunday?
- ◆ What is the difference between Eucharist, the Lord's supper and communion?
- ◆ Why is worship always at 11 a.m. on Sundays?
- ◆ Why doesn't every church have a baptistry?
- ◆ Why are church sanctuaries so different? Is it just a matter of personal taste?
- ◆ What is the lectionary and what does it have to do with worship?
- ◆ Why do some churches do a lot of responsive readings while others don't?
- ◆ Do churches still fight about contemporary vs. traditional worship?
- ◆ Why are so many weddings and funerals not taking place in churches?
- ◆ Why do some people raise their hands in worship while others complain when they do so?
- ◆ Why does my church not have any statues, paintings or stained glass in the sanctuary?
- ◆ Is there any hope to reach younger people without embracing drums and electric guitars?
- ◆ Have we always done worship this way? What did worship used to be like?

SAVE THE DATE!

WORSHIP AND PICNIC at WILDCAT MOUNTAIN

Sunday, June 10th at 11:00 AM

COME JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP... FELLOWSHIP... and GOOD FOOD

No worship in the Sanctuary on this day.

**Directions to Wildcat Mountain Farm:
10000 Hwy 47, Denton**

Take Hwy 8 South to the stoplight at The American Children's Home/Junior Order Home

Turn left onto Hwy 47 East (Shemwell Highway)

Travel 3.5 miles, Hwy 47 East makes a sharp turn to the left (look for church picnic sign)

After bearing left, travel 0.6 miles (still on Hwy 47 East).

Turn left in front of Bethany United Methodist Church (look for church picnic sign).

Travel 5.5 miles. The stone entrance to Wildcat is on the right.

Turn into the entrance and drive ¾ mile to picnic area.

Please contact the church office if you need transportation to the picnic site.

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DOMAIN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 27 TRINITY SUNDAY...VETERAN'S MEMORIAL SUNDAY

9:45am Children – Sunday School with Patti Lovell & Rita Lohr
Confirmants & Adult Sunday School: "UCC: Who We Are" {FH}

11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary...Children's Church with Keri Hartle & Paula Lopp

12:00pm Prayer Circle – front of the Sanctuary

Monday, May 28 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
~CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED~

Wednesday, May 30 7:15pm Choir {ChA}

Thursday, May 31 5:30pm Yoga {P}
7:00pm Square Dancing {FH}

Sunday, June 3 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GRADUATION SUNDAY

9:45am Children – JAM with Ellen Peterson & Carolyn Robbins
Confirmants & Adult Sunday School: "UCC: Who We Are" {FH}

10:30am First Sunday Social – Clifford & Paula Lopp

11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary...Children's Church with Keri Hartle & Ashlee Snider

12:00pm Prayer Circle – front of the Sanctuary

2:00pm Winston Salem Dash Game

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {May 27-June 2}

Birthdays	May 28	Patrick Horton
	May 31	Wilson Hooper

Anniversaries	May 28	Ben Hale & John Maze
	June 2	Craig & Donna Coe
		Buddy & Frankie Hedrick
		Irvin & Doris Sink