

## Thank You for Serving Our Church

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** today are given to the glory of God and honor of all our service men and women who have served and are serving our country; given by Peggy Bates

**USHERS:** Ron Hutcheson, Keri Hartle, Ashlee Snider, Rich Johnson, Edgar Miller

**YOUTH USHER:** Haylee Hutcheson

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Walter Hoffman

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** James Gray

**ACOLYTE:** Jacob Hartle

**GREETERS:** Bill & Carolyn Robbins

**BIBLE STEWARD:** Ava Miller

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:** Heidi Hutcheson & Kivi Miller

## 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:** Lauren Thompson Gould, Ruth Fritts, Peggy Bates, Kelly Greathouse, Doug Sink, June Grubb, 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:** Annetta Everhart (friend of Lisa Nelson), Dan Smith (Steve and Jerry Smith's brother), Shane Gordon (friend of Alane Holste), Lacy Belcher (friend of Vicky Gray), Jonelle Parker (friend of Frank Leonard), 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), Harold Peoples (friend of Cheryl Walser), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1<sup>st</sup> UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves, Ashley Hutcheson (Heidi & Ron Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

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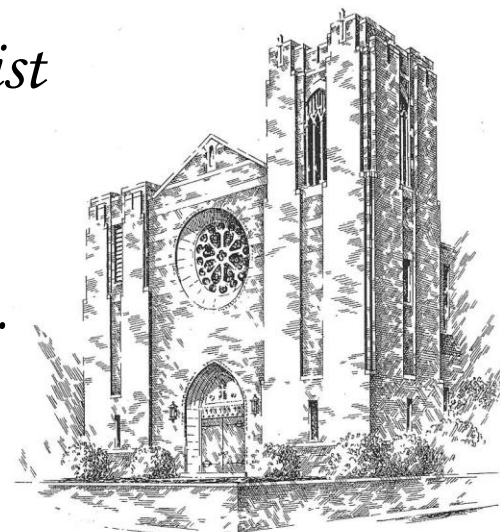
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## First Reformed United Church of Christ



*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.*



July 1, 2018

10:00am

*Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Lee Jessup*

*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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Jeremy Peterson

## Gathering

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Jeremy Peterson

\*Call to Worship

Jeremy Peterson

Leader: This is my hope, O God of all the nations, a hope for peace for lands afar and mine.

**People: This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my people, my dreams, my holy shrine.**

Leader: But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

**People: My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.**

Leader: But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

**People: O hear me worship, O God of all the nations, a worship with prayers of peace for their land and for mine.**

\*Hymn

*"America the Beautiful"*

Insert

\*Invocation

Lee Jessup

## Centering

Young Disciples

Carolyn Robbins

*All youth, pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.*

Special Music:

Lee Jessup

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

Jeremy Peterson

**Forgive us, most gracious God, if we have said or done anything to increase the pain of the world. Pardon the unkind words, the impatient gestures, the hard and selfish deeds, the failure to show sympathy and to extend help when the opportunity presented itself. As we come to worship, may we be nourished for great acts of love, and may our hearts overflow with grace that helps us lessen the tide of human sorrow and add to the sum of human happiness. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Lee Jessup

## Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51: 10-15

*(Pew Bible page 509)*

Lee Jessup

Meditation:

"Renewal Never Stops"

Lee Jessup

## Responding

\*Hymn:

*"Lead On Eternal Sovereign"*

Insert

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

Jeremy Peterson

Offertory

\*Doxology:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Jeremy Peterson

## Sending

\*Responsive Call to Dedication

Jeremy Peterson

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

Lee Jessup

\*Congregational Response

*"Sanctuary"*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.**

\*Postlude

**\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

*You're invited to gather at the front of the chapel following worship for Intercessory Prayer Circle.*

# America the Beautiful

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord — Psalm 33:12 NIV

1. O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,  
 2. O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern, im-pas-sioned stress  
 3. O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved In lib-er-at-ing strife,  
 4. O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream That sees, be-yond the years,

For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties: A-bove the fruit-ed plain!  
 A thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat A-cross the wil-der-ness!  
 Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer-cy more than life!  
 Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-cal A-mer-i-cal God shed His grace on thee,  
 A-mer-i-cal A-mer-i-cal God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,  
 A-mer-i-cal A-mer-i-cal May God thy gold re-fine,  
 A-mer-i-cal A-mer-i-cal God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.  
 Con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy lib-er-ty in law.  
 Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, And ev-'ry gain di-vine.  
 And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.

WORDS: Katharine Lee Bates, 1859-1929  
 MUSIC: Samuel A. Ward, 1847-1903

MATERNA  
 8.6.8.6.D.(C.M.D.)

# Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.

1 Lead on e-ter-nal Sov-ereign, we fol-low in your way;  
 2 Lead on e-ter-nal Sov-ereign, we fol-low not with fear,  
 3 Lead on e-ter-nal Sov-ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus-tice, your call for peace this day:  
 for in each hu-man con-flict your words of strength we hear:  
 and all your saints to-geth-er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer-ful prep-a-ra-tion, your grace will make us strong,  
 That when we serve with glad-ness, you will not let us fall,  
 Then all in your do-min-ion will live with hearts set free,

to car-ry on the strug-gle to tri-umph o-ver wrong.  
 our trust is in your prom-ise that love will con-quer all.  
 to love and serve each oth-er for all e-ter-ni-ty.

At Andover Seminary, fellow students asked Ernest W. Shurtleff to write a hymn for their graduation. This is the result. Shurtleff became a Congregational minister and in his last years established churches in Europe and did relief work during World War I.

Tune: LAN-CASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Henry T. Smart, 1836

## Upcoming Events

### REV. HORTON ON VACATION

Rev. Horton will be on vacation through July 9<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Mike Hooper (336-243-2440 or 336-590-0551) and Rev. June Grubb (336-248-5668 or 336-240-2503) will be on call in case of emergencies. You may also contact the church office.

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Check out some of the activities Cathy has planned for us. **Anyone** can participate! Please let Cathy know if you are interested in any of the following activities:

- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** – Sunday, July 15 during worship
- **ADVENTURE LANDING, WINSTON SALEM** – Tuesday, July 31 at 10:00 – 2 hours of miniature golf, boats, and 20 game tokens for \$12.00; 2 slices pizza & med drink \$6.00. **Please let Cathy know by July 8 if you are interested.**
- **BOWLING, LEXINGTON YMCA** – Friday, August 3 from 5:30 – 7:30 with pizza and drinks. **Please let Cathy know by July 22 if you are interested.**
- **BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO AND MOVIE AT CHURCH** – Tuesday, August 14 from 1:30 – 4:00; prizes, popcorn, snacks, drinks provided. **Please let Cathy know by August 5 if you are interested.**

### OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR JULY & EARLY AUGUST:

- **July 11**  
Welcoming Task Force (6:00pm at Rev. Horton's home) Anyone is welcome to attend.
- **July 22**  
Church-wide Brunch provided by Welcoming Task Force (Fellowship Hall)
- **August 5**
- Sunday School and Worship in the Sanctuary Resume (if painting is complete).
- **August 12**  
Usher Appreciation Luncheon and Consistory meeting. Spouses are welcome. **Please notify the office by July 29 if you plan to attend.**

### IT'S TIME AGAIN TO HELP SEND A KID TO SCHOOL!

We will collect supplies during the months of July and August. Each Sunday, please help by bringing the specific items to the Communities in Schools box outside the office during July or to the Narthex during August. Please refer to the list below.

**July 15 – pencils & notebook paper**

**July 29 composition books & erasers**

**August 12 - backpacks**

**July 22 – crayons & glue sticks**

**August 5 – colored pencils & markers**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, July 1**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Lee Jessup**

10:00am **Worship in the Chapel**

**Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the Chapel following worship**

**Monday, July 2**

6:30pm Open Hands Meal {FH}

**Wednesday, July 4**

**HOLIDAY...Church Office Is Closed**

**Thursday, June 28**

5:30pm Yoga {P}

7:00pm Square Dancing {FH}

**Sunday, July 8**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Guest Minister: Rev. Lawrence Bolick**

10:00am **Worship in the Chapel**

**Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the Chapel following worship**

Our guest minister July 8 will be **Reverend Lawrence (Larry) Bolick**. Rev. Bolick is a retired UCC Clergy and Chaplain of Abernethy Laurels Retirement Community in Newton. He is married to Dr. Edith Bolick, Professor of Sociology at Catawba College, and they reside in Salisbury. They have three children and three grandchildren. Larry has devoted his retired years to volunteer service in the UCC by being Co-Chair of the Committee on Church and Ministry—WNCA; Chair of Blowing Rock Conference Center Board of Trustees and Trustee of United Church and Services Foundation. Since retirement in 2014, he volunteers regularly at Carolina Senior Care, Lexington.

### Celebrating Birthdays {July 1-7}

<b>Birthdays</b>		
	July 1	Keri Hartle
	July 2	Raeann Allred
		Brad Robertson
	July 3	Marguerite Leonard
	July 5	Paula Lopp
	July 7	Cheryl Walser
		Carolyn Yocum

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