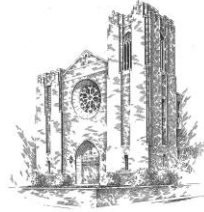


*First Reformed  
United Church of Christ*



*The Worship of God*  
Girl Scout & Transfiguration Sunday  
March 3, 2019  
11:00AM

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

*Gathering*

\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

\*Call to Worship

Chloe Redfern

Leader: Something drew us together this morning,

**People: Something we can't name but which we experience in worship,**

Leader: Some holy mystery we call God.

**People: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus,**

Leader: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit.

**People: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears and prepare us to love the world.**

\*Hymn #43

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

*Centering*

Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Scripture Reading

Exodus 34: 29-35  
*(Page #80 of Pew Bible)*

Emma McSparin

Choral Response

*"Holy Ground"*

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

**Glorious Creator, we admit that we are often afraid to come near you. For if we do, you might see too clearly all the ways we have been selfish or hurtful. Forgive us for spending so much time gazing at ourselves that we have been unable to see the faces etched with loneliness, hollowed by hunger, overshadowed by hopelessness. Holy One, through the mystery of your grace, pour out mercy upon us. Turn our hearts, and send us out to do your justice which brings hope to the world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elizabeth Horton

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

Insert

Young Disciples

*(All youth, Pre K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.)*

Girl Scout Update

Kivi Miller & Jianna Miller

Noisy Offering *The money collected will help purchase sleeping bags for the homeless in Lexington.*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Anthem

*"Vision Prayer"*

Molly Ijames and Eileen Berry

*Into this heart of darkness God made His light to shine,  
And now the glorious knowledge of Jesus Christ is mine.  
His light has cleared my vision of all its blinding lies,  
And spread His truth and beauty before my wondering eyes.*

*Illumined in rich color and beautiful to see,  
The dying of my Savior has given life to me.  
And brighter still in radiance, His resurrection hour  
Has left the dark tomb empty and freed me from its power.*

*O let me guard this treasure, this knowledge in my heart,  
This brightly burning candle that bids my doubts depart,  
And as I shine this gospel in every darkened place,  
O Savior, keep before me the vision of Your face.  
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.*

*Proclaiming*

Scripture

Luke 9: 28-36  
(Page #944 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

*"Living in the Light: Shine the Light"*

*Responding*

\*Hymn

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Insert

Invitation to Give of Ourselves

Elizabeth Horton

Offertory

\*Epiphany Doxology

**Old Hundredth**

***Praise God the source of life and breath;  
Praise Christ, now born to conquer death;  
Praise Holy Spirit's mystery;  
One God, pure grace, who sets us free. Amen***

\*Prayer of Dedication

Alyson McSparin

*Sending*

\*Call to Discipleship

Brenda Spencer

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send to shine the Light into the world?"

**People: Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."**

\*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

\*Congregational Response

*"Room for All"*

***In God's house there is room for all.  
Every child, a child of light, we're all precious in God's sight.  
In God's house there's no room too small for God prepared a room for all.***

\*Postlude

*You are invited to join the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary after worship.*

# Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Refrain*



Shine, Je - sus, shine, \_ fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry,



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, \_ set our hearts on fire;



flow, riv - er, flow, \_ flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy,



send forth your word, \_ Lord, and let there be light.



1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing  
2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence  
3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,



in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;  
from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance;  
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness;



Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,  
by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,  
ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.  
mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*D.C.*



Shine on me, shine on me.  
Shine on me, shine on me.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

WORDS: Graham Kendrick (2 Cor. 4:6)

MUSIC: Graham Kendrick

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
Irregular with Refrain

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# Be Thou My Vision

Unison

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O joy of my heart,  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, my calm in all strife;  
 ♦ 3 Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for the fight,  
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,  
 5 Great God of heav - en, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
 I ev - er with thee, and thou in my life;  
 ♦ be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav - en's sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou lov - ing par - ent, thy child may I be,  
 ♦ thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 ♦ raise thou me heav - en - ward, O power of my power.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vis - ion, O rul - er of all.

Words: Irish ca. 8th century, trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905, vers. Eleanor H. Hull 1912, alt.  
 Music: Irish traditional melody

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## WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED UCC

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God's children as a blessing. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

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

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Ed Bates; given by Peggy Bates.

You will have one last chance to buy Girl Scout Cookies following worship in the Narthex.

### Thank You for Serving

**LITURGISTS:** Girl Scouts  
**PLATE ATTENDANT:** John Smith  
**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens  
**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** James Gray  
**USHERS:** Steve Smith, Captain  
Ted Smith Vicky Gray  
Mike Perry Brian McKerlie  
Amy Hedrick  
**YOUTH USHER:** Claire Smith  
**ACOLYTE:** Kiara Lewis  
**BIBLE STEWARD:** Lucas Peterson  
**GREETERS:** Irvin & Doris Sink  
& Girl Scout Troop 2160  
**NURSERY (Infants-Kindergarten):**  
Dave Fulton & John Smith

- ❖ *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*

### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

#### BIRTHDAYS

**MARCH**  
**3rd**  
Corinne Gray

**5th**  
Charyl Clark  
Tony Peele

## Our Church at Prayer

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews OR call the church office (336-248-2617).

We extend sympathy to Alane Holste and her family on the loss of her father, Rev. Harold Holste.

### CHURCH MEMBERS:

Myra Thompson, Marguerite Leonard, Mary Berrier, Tammy Rhodes, Bill Walsler, Janelle Bunn, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marzell Crotts, Valerie Price, Jo Hudson, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

### OUR FRIENDS:

\*Judy Martin (Friend of Lisa Nelson), \*Sarah Vick (Sherry Bonner's neighbor), Earl Parker (Elizabeth Horton's dad), Kiana Sinz (Friend of Patti Lovell), Derrick Wong (Friend of Joni Walsler), Marinda Hemric (Friend of Ben Hale), Wendi Greene (Bill Robbins' sister), Paisley Diane Swicegood, her parents and grandparents (Friends of Jerry & Patti Lovell), Linda Burgess (friend of Susan Odom), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), Cheri Yates (Eddie Yates' step-mother), Eric Cole (son of visitor, Jill Cole, in training for Border Patrol in New Mexico), Boyd & Bonnie Perry (Friends of Frankie Hedrick), Kathe Everhart (Frankie Hedrick's sister-in-law), Clifford Beane (Neighbor of Lee & Ellen Bouchard), Jeanette Ingle (Friend of Bill & Cheryl Walsler), Chris Greene (Michell Winter's step-brother), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Laura Williams (Carolyn Robbins' mother), Brian Arensman (Friend and co-worker of Keith Johnson), John Haydon (Friend of Kivi Miller), Eddie Wray (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (Friend of Susie Smith)

Names with an \* indicate newly added. **Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless the church office is notified.**

**Happening at First Reformed  
United Church of Christ**

**MARCH NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE  
NARTHEX AND OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

**LOVE WINS BOOK STUDY BEGINS MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>**

The 8-week discussion group led by Walter Hoffman begins at 9:45 in the Parlor. **You are welcome to join the book discussion even if you do not have a book.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE**

Sign-up sheets are now in the Narthex for ALL LEVELS OF PROJECTS. You may also order a T-shirt. Shirt orders are due by March 24. For questions, please contact Jerry Lovell. (336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or plovell53@yahoo.com)

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

**When:** Each Wednesday March 6 through April 10 at 12:00. Services led by different denominations each week

**Where:** First United Methodist Church

**What:** Lunch served following services (\$5.00/person)

**GAME NIGHT**

The Board of Congregational Life has another **Game Night planned for Friday, March 22 in the Fellowship Hall.** First Reformed UCC members and friends are invited to attend. This is NOT JUST FOR KIDS! We'll have board games and card games for adults, too!

Are you willing to host a table for your favorite game? Each table will have a different game. We are looking for a variety of board games and card games. Just contact Kivi Leroux Miller or Mike Price to sign up as a game host, letting them know if you prefer adults only, kids only, or an intergenerational group. For long games like Monopoly or Risk, you'll need to use the "Speedy Rules" so you end by 9:00pm.

**On Game Night, check in and sign up for a game between 6:30 - 7:00 pm.** Games will start promptly at 7:00 pm. Light snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring something to share!

Kivi: kivi@nonprofitmarketingguide.com or 336-870-0251  
Mike: canjunmike@gmail.com or 336-324-3212

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, March 3**

**9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

{Downstairs} Younger Children  
Older Children  
Teens

{Rm 103} Family & Faith

{Parlor} Inquiring Minds

**10:30AM FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL**

Lisa Nelson & Michell Winters {FH}

**11:00AM WORSHIP**

Girl Scout Sunday & Transfiguration Sunday

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Families First Meal & Meeting {FH}

**4:00PM CONSISTORY RETREAT {Chapel}**

**Monday, March 4**

**10:00AM** Willing Weavers {Rm 3}

**6:30PM** Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

**Tuesday, March 5**

**6:30PM** Bd. of Evangelism {Parlor}

Bd. of Spiritual Growth &  
Renewal {Rm102}

**Wednesday, March 6 ASH WEDNESDAY**

**11:00AM** Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}

**12:00PM** Community Lenten Service & Lunch  
at First UMC

**7:00PM** Ash Wednesday Service

{St. Stephens UMC...refreshment following}

**Thursday, March 7**

**5:30PM** Yoga {Dance Studio}

**7:00PM** Square Dancing {FH}

**Sunday, March 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins**

**9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

{Downstairs} Younger Children  
Older Children  
Teens

{Rm 103} Family & Faith

{Parlor} "Love Wins" Book Study

**11:00AM WORSHIP**

First Sunday of Lent & Holy Communion

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