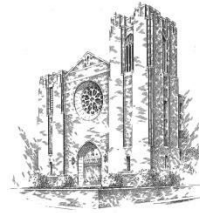


# First Reformed United Church of Christ



## The Worship of God

First Sunday of Lent & Holy Communion  
March 10, 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)

**"BOLD"** indicates congregational response

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

Slowing Ourselves Down and Catching Our Breath

Prayer for Clearing Out

Spacious God, we come today hoping for tools to sweep away the stress.

**Let us make room for You.**

Nudge us in this time of worship to seek the things that really matter.

**Let us find room for You.**

Help us to claim our own selves as a holy sanctuary where you dwell.

**Let us be room for You.**

In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness. **Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

\*Opening Hymn

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

Insert

### Centering

\*Invocation

Scripture Reading

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

*(Page #537 of Pew Bible)*

Elizabeth Horton

Claire Smith

Response in Song

**Take time to be holy, speak off with the Lord;**

**Abide in him always, and feed on his Word.**

**Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,**

**Forgetting in nothing, his blessing to seek.**

Young Disciples

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

Cathy Waitman

Anthem

*"Safe Within Your Arms"*

Mark Hayes

*Whether I'm right, or whether I'm wrong, whether I'm weak, or whether I'm strong,  
Whether I'm sure, or maybe confused, feeling loved or feeling used.  
I know a place where I can go; somewhere that winter winds don't blow.  
There I am warmed by loving arms held with care, next to Your heart.*

*And I'm safe within Your arms Lord. I've become a child again.  
I've come back to the source of love; where healing can begin.*

*Though the world would say I must be strong, and prove my worth by what I do,  
I will rest assured in Your embrace and find my strength in You.*

*Whether I'm walking in the light, or whether I'm stumbling through the night,  
You are a God whose promise endures, Your love is deep. Your love is sure.  
When I am tempted to pursue plans that may lead me far away from You,  
Gently You call, "My child, come home. I will never let go of one of my own."  
*(repeat chorus)**

Scripture

Luke 4: 1-13

*(Page #936 of Pew Bible)*

Elizabeth Horton

Reflection

*"Reconnecting in the Wilderness"*

\*Hymn of Faith

*"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"*



1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val - ley; He had to walk  
2. We must walk this lone-some val - ley; We have to walk  
3. You must go and stand your tri - al; You have to stand



it by him - self. O no-bod-y else could walk it  
it by our - selves. O no-bod-y else can walk it  
it by your - self. O no-bod-y else can stand it



for him; He had to walk it by him - self.  
for us; We have to walk it by our - selves.  
for you; You have to stand it by your - self.

Text: American Folk Hymn  
Tune: LONESOME VALLEY, 8 8 10 8; American Folk Hymn; Harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937, © 1975, GIA Publications, Inc.

### Responding

Prayer

Invitation to Give of Ourselves

Offertory

\*Offertory Response in Song

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Holy Communion

**...(Sung) Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;**

**Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;**

**Thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.**

Communion Prayer

Our Loving God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us take this moment to center our hearts, lifting them to God.

**We take this moment and lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to The One who gives all things.

**It is right to pause, breathe, and trust in the One who gives all things....**

...we offer ourselves and proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Receiving the Gifts of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Sending

\*Call to Discipleship

And I heard the voice of the Lord say, "Whom shall I send to bring peace into the world?"

**Then I said, "Here I am, send me."**

\*Blessing for an Unhurried Life

\*Congregational Response in Song

**In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,**

**Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:**

**There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,**

**in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.**

\*Postlude

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

Elizabeth Horton

Claire Smith

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BEECH SPRING

## 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.

## HAPPENING AT FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for ALL LEVELS OF PROJECTS and T-SHIRTS. **Shirt orders are due by March 24.** For questions, please contact Jerry Lovell. (336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or plovel53@yahoo.com)

### MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED

Alisa Johnson is in need of drivers to help deliver meals. If you are able to help, please contact Alisa at 336-357-0648.

### GAME NIGHT IS FRIDAY, MARCH 22 (7-9:00PM)

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!

We are looking for a variety of board games and card games. Contact Kivi Leroux Miller to sign up as a game host.

**Check in begins at 6:30.** 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

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – SUNDAY, MARCH 31

One Great Hour of Sharing is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development activities.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Louis & Vicky Green who loved our church and all its members; given by Marsha Green Fitzgerald.

### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

#### BIRTHDAYS

**12th**  
Adam McKerlie

**16th**  
Alane Holste  
Ron Sink

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**11th**  
Ron & Heidi Hutcheson

### Thank You for Serving

<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Claire Smith
<b>PLATE ATTENDANT:</b>	John Smith
<b>USHER CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Jeff Hutchens
<b>SOUND TECHNICIAN:</b>	John Gray
<b>USHERS:</b>	Steve Smith, Captain Ted Smith Vicky Gray
	Brian McKerlie Amy Hedrick
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Ethan Lovell
<b>BIBLE STEWARD:</b>	Lucas Peterson
<b>GREETER:</b>	Deanna Michael
<b>NURSERY:</b>	Tammy Rhodes & Susie 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*

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

### CHURCH MEMBERS:

Lib Sink, Mary Berrier, Tammy Rhodes, Janelle Bunn, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marzell Crofts, Valerie Price, Jo Hudson, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

### OUR FRIENDS:

\*Colleen Story and Tom and Krista Lovell (Family of Jerry and Patti Lovell), \*Marcia Almquist & the family of Bob Almquist (Friends of June Grubb), \*Jeffrey Haskins Gray (Friend of John Maze), \*Laura Williams (Carolyn Robbins' mother), \*Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), \*Alexis Faison and her baby, Amani (Friend of Renee Walsh), \*Judy Martin (Friend of Lisa Nelson), \*Sarah Vick (Sherry Bonner's neighbor), \*Kiana Sinz (Friend of Patti Lovell), \*Paisley Diane Swicegood, her parents and grandparents (Friends of Jerry & Patti Lovell), Earl Parker (Elizabeth Horton's dad), Derrick Wong (Friend of Joni Walsler), Wendi Greene (Bill Robbins' sister), 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, Clifford Beane (Neighbor of Lee & Ellen Bouchard), Jeanette Ingle (Friend of Bill & Cheryl Walsler), Chris Greene (Michell Winter's step-brother)

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, March 10

#### 9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

{Downstairs} Children and Teens Service Project  
{Parlor} "Love Wins" Book Study

#### 11:00AM WORSHIP

First Sunday of Lent & Holy Communion

Home Communion to our Homebound

### Monday, March 11

10:00AM Willing Weavers {Rm 3}

11:00AM Staff Meeting {P}

6:00PM Crisis Ministry Adult Shelter Meal  
{Women's Life Fellowship}

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

### Tuesday, March 12

10:00AM Collaborative Ministries {Parlor}

6:00PM Men's Brotherhood {FH}

### Wednesday, March 13

12:00PM Community Lenten Service &  
\$5 Lunch at First UMC  
(Area Baptists will lead service)

7:00PM Choir {Chapel Annex}

### Thursday, March 14

5:30PM Yoga {Dance Studio}

7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

### Sunday, March 17

#### 9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

{Downstairs} Younger Children

Older Children

Teens

{Parlor} "Love Wins" Book Study

#### 11:00AM WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Lent &  
Silent Offering {Llamas for Lent}

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# Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Unison, brightly*  
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D

*Last time, end*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiokeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.*

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.  
 James K. Manley, 1978  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993