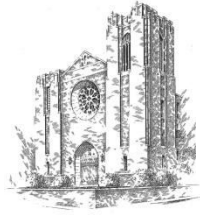


**First Reformed
United Church of Christ**



The Worship of God

Second Sunday of Lent
March 17, 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
Forgiving God, we are not sure we can slow down.
Let us *make* room for You.
We have too often crowded you out, too busy even to make a change.
Let us *find* room for You.
We come to you wanting it to be different.
Let us *be* room for You.
In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness. **Amen.**
*Passing the Peace
*Opening Hymn "Great Is Your Faithfulness" Insert

Centering

This part of the service invites us to center in on what God is saying to us this day.

*Invocation Elizabeth Horton
Scripture Reading Psalm 27 June Grubb
(Page #493 of Pew Bible)

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-5th Grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

Silent Offering Llamas for Lent

Anthem "Offertory" John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on High?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings; shall I come before him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man, He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?*

Scripture Luke 13: 31-35 Elizabeth Horton
(Page #951 of Pew Bible)

Sermon "Reconnecting to the Cause"
*Hymn of Commitment #271 "O Jesus I Have Promised"

Responding

Timing Ourselves Out for Prayer Elizabeth Horton
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 debt 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

Moment for Local Mission Jerry Lovell
Invitation to Give of Ourselves Elizabeth Horton
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 June Grubb

Sending

We commit to take a bit of this serenity and peace out into the busy world.

*Call to Discipleship June Grubb
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 BEECH SPRING
**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.

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 loving memory of Mary Louise & Jacob Calvin Leonard, Jr.; given by their daughters, Rhonnie and Merle.

HAPPENING AT FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

"100 MEN IN BLACK" MARCH 17 at 3:00PM

This is a **free concert** sponsored by St. Stephen UMC featuring area male choirs. A love offering will be collected for area ministries.

MANY THANKS!

\$444.00 was collected at the Ash Wednesday service. This will benefit Davidson County Crisis Assistance Fund (DCCAF), formerly known as GLAMA Crisis Fund.

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

Please sign-up in the Narthex for service projects and T-shirts. **The deadline to sign up for projects and T-shirt orders is March 24.**

TDCWL is also assisting local agencies in need. **The following items will be collected until April 13.** Collection boxes will be in the Narthex.

DSS Adult Services: Shampoo, deodorant, body wash & toothpaste

ARC of Davidson County: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues & garbage bags.

For questions, please contact Jerry Lovell. (336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or plovell53@yahoo.com)

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED

If you are able to help, please contact Alisa Johnson at 336-357-0648.

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

All ages are invited! We'll have a variety of board and card games! Contact Kivi Miller to sign up as a game host. **Check-in begins at 6:30. Games will start promptly at 7:00.** 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.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST:	Rev. June Grubb	PLATE ATTENDANT:	John Smith
USHER CHAIRPERSON:	Jeff Hutchens	SOUND TECHNICIAN:	John Gray
USHERS:	Steve Smith (Captain)	YOUTH USHER:	Claire Smith
	Ted Smith	ACOLYTE:	Ethan Lovell
	Vicky Gray	BIBLE STEWARD:	Lucas Peterson
	Brian McKerlie	GREETERS:	Eddie & Belinda Yates
	Amy Hedrick		
NURSERY:	Aurelia Smith & Sylvia 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**

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:

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

OUR FRIENDS:

*Noretta Leonard (Sylvia Walser's sister-in-law), *Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), *Colleen Story and Tom and Krista Lovell (Family of Jerry and Patti Lovell), *Marcia Almquist & the family of Bob Almquist (Friends of June Grubb), 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)

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

17th
Dan Horton

20th
Ted Smith

23rd
Margie Everhart
Mike Perry
Josh Sink

ANNIVERSARIES

17th
Keith & Alisa Johnson



We extend sympathy to Leigh Hodges Earnhardt (daughter of Jerry and Merle Hodges) on the sudden loss of her husband, Jim. Please remember Leigh, Jerry, Merle and family in your prayers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 17

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

{Downstairs} Younger Children
Older Children
Teens {Rev. Horton's Study}

{Parlor} "Love Wins" Book Study
{You are welcome to attend even if you missed last week's discussion}

11:00AM WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Lent &
Silent Offering: Llamas for Lent

Monday, March 18

10:00AM Willing Weavers {Rm 3}

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Wednesday, March 20

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

7:00PM Choir {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, March 21

5:30PM Yoga {Dance Studio}

7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Friday, March 22

6:30PM Game Night {FH}

Saturday, March 22

9:00AM First Aid/CPR/AED Training {2nd UCC}
Only for those who preregistered in the Fall

Sunday, March 24

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

{Downstairs} Children & Teens

{Parlor} "Love Wins" Book Study
{You are welcome to attend even if you missed last week's discussion}

11:00AM WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Lent
Kids Club {dress appropriately for
planting potatoes in the garden}

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Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

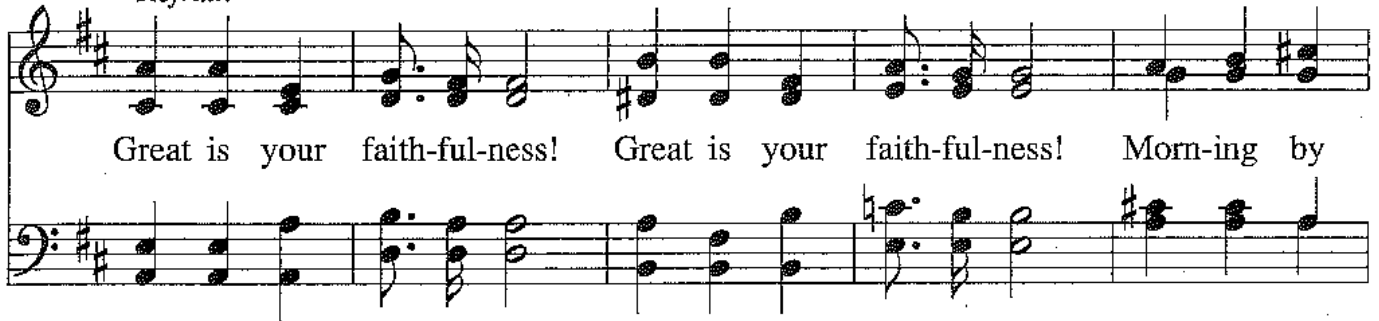
1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

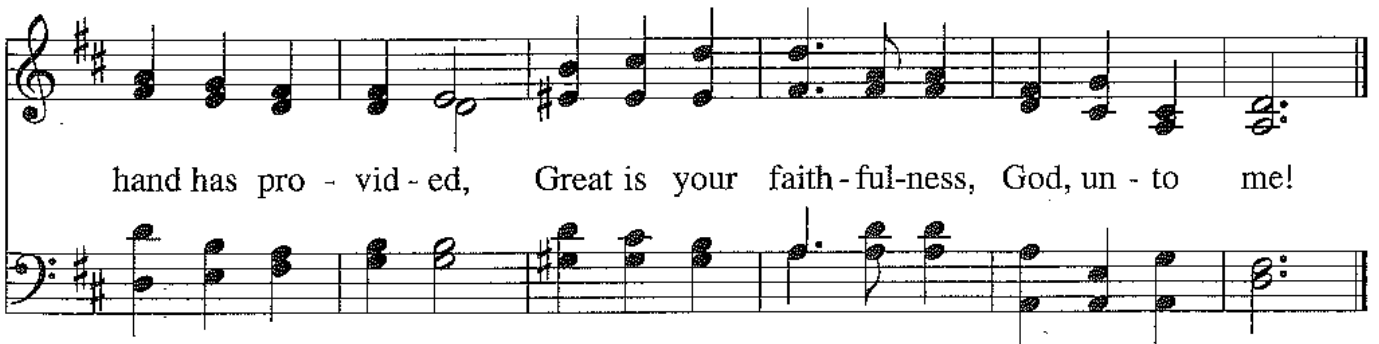
Refrain



Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your



hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain
William M. Runyan, 1923

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