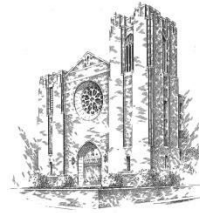


**First Reformed
United Church of Christ**



The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 31, 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
Response in Song

Elizabeth Horton

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed;
Clear the chaos and the clutter; clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter; be at peace, and simply be.**

Catching Our Breath
Prayer for Clearing Out

June Grubb

God of Open Spaces, we are choked, clogged and cluttered.

Let us make room for You.

Draw us into this time of worship to see our real needs.

Let us find room for You.

Help us clear out our hearts to find room for holy desires.

Let us be room for You.

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

*Passing the Peace

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Insert

Centering

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

*Invocation
Scripture Reading

Elizabeth Horton
June Grubb

Psalm 32
(Page #496 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 Children are invited to join in Children's Church in the Chapel.)

Anthem

"Jesus Is My Song of Grace"

Joseph Martin

This is my story, this is my song.

*From the heights of heaven's glory to the depths of earth's despair,
came a love song in the darkness, came a song beyond compare.*

*And from a humble stable God sang His lullaby;
a song of peace, a song of joy, the music of the skies.*

This shall be my alleluia. This shall be my highest praise.

Let my every word and deed proclaim it. Let me sing it all my days.

This shall be my benediction. This shall be my dying phrase.

This shall be my alleluia. Jesus is my song of grace.

*From the golden streets of heaven to the shores of Galilee,
came a love song for all people, the music of eternity.
And from a wooden cross, God sang His song of grace,
and filled the world with the sound of hope and everlasting praise.*

*This shall be my alleluia. This shall be my highest praise.
Let my every word and deed proclaim it. Let me sing it all my days.
This shall be my benediction. This shall be my dying phrase.
This shall be my alleluia. Jesus is my song of grace.
This shall be my alleluia. Jesus is my song of grace! Song of grace!*

Scripture

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32
(Page #952 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"Reconnecting to Our Roots"

*Hymn of Commitment

"Amazing Grace"

Insert

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

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 PEDASTAL TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in loving honor and appreciation of the choir.; given by Tony & Lee Ann Peele.

April 28 is an open Sunday for ALTAR FLOWERS in our sanctuary. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Betty Link at jll@ptmc.net or 336-956-2507.

HAPPENING AT FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SR. ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

April 1-3, 2019 at Unity Place at Piedmont Crossing
9:30-Gathering... 10:00-Class... 12:00-Lunch
Featuring singer, storyteller and folk theologian Ed Kilbourne
Space is limited...make reservations at 336-474-3624

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

You may volunteer for TDCWL until April 13. You may also assist local agencies in need with the following items **collected until April 13.** Collection boxes are in the Narthex.

DSS Adult Services: shampoo, deodorant, body wash & toothpaste
ARC of Davidson County: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues & garbage bags.

Please contact Jerry Lovell with questions. (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.

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

First Reformed is "adopting" Charles England Elementary School. Ways to help:

- Pray for this school by name. Lift up to God's ears the students, teachers, and parents. Ask God's guidance in this ministry as we move forward.
- Drive by the school to see the physical building where our future citizens and leaders are learning. (111 Cornelia St, Lexington, NC 27292)
- Begin to think of these students as "our kids."
- Volunteer. Caring adults are needed to read to a student or let a student read to you; help with math flashcards; eat lunch with a student.

Let Rev. Horton know by Monday, APRIL 8.

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
	Brian McKerlie	BIBLE STEWARD:	Lucas Peterson
	Alice Gray & Vicky Gray	GREETERS:	Walter & Ann Hoffman

- ❖ *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*

ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES BY APRIL 4! (\$13.00 each)

Complete the form below and place in offering plate or contact the church office (336-248-2617.)

In Memory of _____

By _____

In Honor of _____

By _____

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:

Valerie Price (Lexington Health Care), 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:

*Jacob Little (Cynthia Crowell Little's son), 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

31st

Kivi Miller

4th

Larry Link

Ashlee Snider

5th

Caroline Hooper

6th

Mary Berrier

7th

Mike Brown

ANNIVERSARIES

1st

Bill & Cheryl Walser

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Organist: Lee Ann Peele

Admin. Asst.: Carolyn Robbins (carolyn@frucc.org)

Financial Secretary: Paula Lopp (paula@frucc.org)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 31

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

{Downstairs} Younger Children
Older Children
Teens

{Parlor}

"Love Wins" Book Study
{You are welcome to attend even if you missed previous discussions}

11:00AM

WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Lent
One Great Hour of Sharing
Children's Church

Monday, April 1

10:00AM

Willing Weavers {Rm 3}

6:30PM

Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, April 2

6:30PM

Bd. of Evangelism {Parlor}
Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal {Office}
Adult Spiritual Growth Planning Meeting
{Rm 103}

Wednesday, April 3

11:00AM

Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}

6:00PM

TAIZE Prayer Service and Meal for youth
3rd grade through teens {Grace Episcopal}

7:00PM

Choir {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, April 4

LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER LILIES...BY NOON!

5:30PM

Yoga {Dance Studio}

7:00PM

Square Dancing {FH}

Saturday, April 6

9:00AM & 1:00PM

CPR Training Classes - Second UCC
Only for those who preregistered in the fall

Sunday, April 7

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

{Downstairs} Younger Children
Older Children
Teens

{Parlor}

"Love Wins" Book Study

10:30AM

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL {FH}

Dave & Glenyce Fulton

11:00AM

WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Kids Club

CONSISTORY MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Mt. 11:28

1. Come, ye sin-ners, poor and need-y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;
 2. Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel-come, God's free boun-ty glo-ri-fy;
 3. Let not con-science make you lin-ger, nor of fit-ness fond-ly dream;
 4. Come, ye wea-ry, heav-y la-den, lost and ru-ined by the fall;
 Ref. I will a-rise and go to Je-sus; he will em-brace me in his arms;

D. C. Refrain

Je-sus read-y stands to save you, full of pit-y, love, and power.
 true be-lief and true re-pent-ance, ev-ery grace that brings you nigh.
 all the fit-ness he re-quir-eth is to feel your need of him.
 if you tar-ry till you're bet-ter, you will nev-er come at all.
 in the arms of my dear Sav-ior, O, there are ten thou-sand charms.

WORDS: Joseph Hart, 1759; refrain, anonymous
 MUSIC: Southern Harmony, 1835

ARISE
 8.7.8.7.

Amazing Grace

JOHN NEWTON

1. A-maz-ing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re-lieved; How
 3. Thro' man-y dan-gers, toils and snares, I have al-read-y come; 'Tis
 4. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've

once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 pre-cious did that grace ap-pear The hour I first be-lieved!
 grace hath bro't me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first be-gun. A-men.

HOLY WEEK



Sunday, April 14 **Palm/Passion Sunday** 9:45...Sunday School 11:00...Worship

We begin Holy Week with a service that reflects the sharp contrasts of this week. We celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and wave our palms, cheering with the crowd in singing, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" Then we transition into the dramatic story of Jesus' passion, ending on a somber and sorrowful note.

Community Palm Sunday Service on the Square

After worship we will walk together to the Square at Center and Main Streets, joining our neighboring uptown churches for a brief community service. The choirs of the uptown churches will sing together on the steps of the Old Courthouse.

Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly will give the meditation.

Thursday, April 18 **Maundy Thursday**

Meal and Foot Washing at 6:00pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm, for a light supper followed by Holy Communion, and a Foot Washing service. This will be family-friendly and accommodating to people who have physical limitations. If you have never participated in a Foot Washing service before, please come. You will be instructed, and folks of all ages can participate. Typically, folks wear shoes or sandals that are easy to remove. A handwashing station will also be available. During this time, we do as our Lord and Savior has described in John 13, *"On the evening he was betrayed, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet with the towel that was wrapped around him."*

We will conclude the service in the sanctuary as we remember Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. Children and families are invited and welcome.

Sunday, April 21 **Easter Sunday**



BRING FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE RESURRECTION CROSS

No Sunday School
9:45...Easter Breakfast
10:00...Easter Egg Hunt

All children through 5th grade invited!
Middle and High Schoolers are needed to hide the eggs!

11:00...Worship

Join us as we celebrate in word and song the joy of the Resurrection and new life.