

WAYS & MEANS: THE WAY OF TRUST

We have received other gifts of daring generosity. When we are called to account, the question will be not how it is that we preserved the balance sheet or the bricks and mortar, but whether we emulated others' daring and doubled it, taking audacious action to preserve principle over principal.

Rev. Andrew Warner, Plymouth UCC
Christian Century, November 4, 2008

When we read of Zacchaeus seeking Jesus (Luke 19:1-10), we need to realize that it too was a polarized world. Will the reign of God take over the reign of Caesar? Zacchaeus was one of those people who lived in both worlds. Balancing an allegiance to both Rome and Jerusalem, he is like those who straddle worlds of health and ill-health or those who yearn for mercy while maintaining codes of purity.

Two things often happen to out-of-place or marginalized people. One is that they stop trying to live in both worlds convinced that no new world is possible. Or, they wring all the joy out of a new world making guilt the path. Either path will wear you out.

Zacchaeus offers a different way of living in two different if not conflicting worlds. He throws caution to the wind and embraces this dual status with abandon.

Zacchaeus is up a tree trying to get a new perspective on his reality. The world as it is surrounds him, but he is being beckoned to participate in a world as it should be.

We live compromised lives. CO₂ levels are changing our environment and still we drive. We need to be on the path that Zacchaeus is on. Up a tree or not - neither immobilized by fear or intimidated by guilt, living in one world yet guided by the one that is emerging.

Make your pledge today to this community of faith, but also pledge to live towards the coming reign of God and not by draining the last drop of life from this one. With Jesus, you have a place in God's household. Follow Zacchaeus down the tree and claim it. *"Today salvation has come to this house."*



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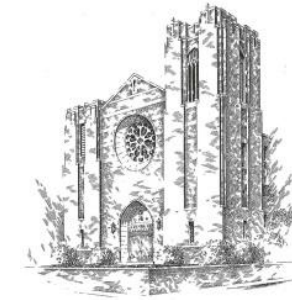
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First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

October 13, 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

Welcome & Announcements

Elizabeth Horton

Choral Call to Worship

"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

Gathering Words

Doris Sink

Whether we live in an apartment or a house;

if we reside in the suburbs or the city:

God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel;

if we are young, old, insider, outcast:

God says, 'When you search for me, you will find me.'

Whether we have been wandering and lost; or if we have lived in the same place all our lives:

God says, 'I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.'

*Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

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*Invocation

Doris Sink

Centering

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7
(Page #717 in Pew Bible)

Doris Sink

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

God of the world, we know that on our way to worship, we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods. We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation, pausing at the corner of easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate. Have mercy on us, O God. Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives. You send us friends out of places we least expect, that our community might be enriched. You call us to be generous with our blessings, so others might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing the Peace

"Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."

*Congregational Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

(All children Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

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

"Canon of Thanks"

Arr. Donald Moore

Thank the Lord, O thank the Lord; Let all the world rejoice as one.
O come, ye thankful people, come; Alleluia, alleluia.
Count your blessings one by one, and praise the work that God has done.
Rejoice and sing forever more; Alleluia, alleluia.

(Repeats)

O thank the Lord; O thank the Lord; Let all the world rejoice as one.
O come, ye thankful people, come; Alleluia, alleluia.
O come, ye thankful people come; Alleluia, alleluia.

Proclaiming

Scripture

Luke 17: 11-19
(Page #955 in Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"What Disciples Do: Say Thank You"

Responding

Invitation to Receive Offerings

Elizabeth Horton

Offertory Hymn

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

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*Doxology

Old Hundredth

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Doris Sink

Sending

*Call to Dedication

Doris Sink

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"
Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

*Choral Benediction

"Pass the Love"

*Postlude

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Lena Johnson and Carolyn Spivey to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their grandparents.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Doris Sink
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens

PLATE ATTENDANT: J. W. Bates
SOUND TECHNICIAN: Calvin Odom

NURSERY: Heidi Hutcheson & Kivi Miller
GREETERS: Smithie Parrish,
Christie & Kiaya Plummer

ACOLYTE: Jacob Hartle
USHERS: Ted Smith (Captain), Susan Odom, Nicole Smith, Clifford Lopp

BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

YOUTH USHER: Claire Smith

How Great Thou Art

Carl G. Boberg

Stuart K. Hinc

Choir

O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
But when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, sent Him to
When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-ty
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-ty moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble a-dor-

thun-der, Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played; Then sings my
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing He bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee. How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee. How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

1 Thess. 5: 18; Ps. 136

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

(Introduction) G G7 C Em Am Dm

Unison

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale
 2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand

G7 C FM7 E7 Am Em

God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea-ture say
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea-ture cry
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea-ture say
 God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil-dren say

FM7 Em7 Am Dm 1-5 Gsus4 G 6 C

Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks
 Care How does the crea-ture say Life
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace
 Joy How do your chil-dren say Home.

After forty years in the ministry, Jaroslav Vajda wrote this text to provoke answers to how and why we serve God. By creating new poetic forms and adapting ageless ideas and expressions, Vajda speaks in the language of his time.

Tune: ROEDER 5.4.6.7.7.
 Carl F. Schalk, 1983

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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.

FALL SERMON SERIES What Disciples Do: Luke 14-20

- Take Faith Seriously
- Search for the Outcasts
- Resist Greed
- Practice Generosity
- Believe in the Impossible
- Say Thank You**
- Never Give Up
- Don't Judge
- Befriend the Friendless
- Ask Hard Questions
- Dream of What Can Be

GRACE EPISCOPAL SUNDAY LUNCH MINISTRY

The Sunday Lunch Ministry will begin again in October. **Our church needs volunteers to serve November 10, 17 and 24.** Please contact Jerry Lovell if you are willing to serve on any of these Sundays. (336-746-6493)

PASTOR'S PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

Requested food items during October are listed below. Please bring items to the crates labeled **PASTOR'S PANTRY** in the Narthex throughout the month.

- OCTOBER 6** Canned vegetables
Canned fruits
- OCTOBER 13** Saltine crackers
Cereal
- OCTOBER 20** Canned meats
Canned pasta
- OCTOBER 27** Peanut Butter

CHARLES ENGLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM

Requested food items for student backpacks are listed below. Please bring items to the large box labeled **CEES** in the Narthex.

- Juice Boxes
- Applesauce
- Breakfast Bars
- Ramen noodles
- Cheese Crackers
- Canned Vegetables
- Spaghetti-Os
- Chicken Noodle Soup

HOMECOMING 2019

Homecoming will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 3rd** with a time of remembrance during the 11:00 service for congregation members who have passed away during the past year.

Also during worship, Ken Davis, a talented local singer and songwriter, will be our guest. He plays with fellow musicians for the praise and worship service at the First Presbyterian Church in Lexington. He is also an Elder at Shadyside Presbyterian Church. He performs regularly at Weathervane Winery and Yarborough's Restaurant and participates in the Lexington Barbecue Festival and Arts of Davidson County.

Following worship, the Board of Congregational Life will sponsor a **covered dish luncheon**. Plan to bring your favorite food items and desserts to share with family and friends as we enjoy lunch together. Drinks will be provided.

Invite family, friends, and former members to attend!

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED

If you can help deliver meals for this outreach ministry, please contact Alisa Johnson at 336-250-6589.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Volunteers are still needed beyond October 20th for Children and Youth Sunday School classes. **We need a teacher for each group and a rover each Sunday... 3 volunteers each Sunday!** We will begin practice for our Christmas program that is scheduled for December 8. **If you can help, please contact the church office. (336-248-2617)**

If you are able to help park vehicles for the **BBQ Festival on Saturday, October 26**, you can sign up on the sheets in the Narthex or the office. Several people are needed for each time slot: **1 for the Sanctuary lot, 2 for the Education Building lot and 2 for the grassy field next to the Education building (if the weather is dry.)** The earlier slots are the most important!

RACE AND FAITH TRIP TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

East Lexington Collaborative Ministries Group has held a series of discussions in the last six weeks on "Race & Faith." We are excited that others from the community have participated and we are extending services through November 12. Also, we are planning a trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro on **Saturday, February 8, 2020.**

If this is something you might be interested in doing, please let the church office know by **Sunday, November 10, 2019.** The cost of this trip will depend on the number interested in going. We are planning on viewing the museum during the morning and then having lunch at a nearby restaurant.

TIME AND TALENT SHEETS

We will receive Time & Talent Sheets up to **October 27.** If you have completed the copy you received in the mail, you may place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. You may also complete this on line at the church website. Go to <https://frucc.org/> and look for the purple box that says, **"FILL IN YOUR TIME AND TALENT SHEET FOR 2020."** You will be linked to a page that will allow you to complete the form on line. **If you prefer, you may hold onto your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Sheet until Stewardship Sunday, October 27.**

COMMUNITY FORUM ON RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING

The congregation is invited to a workshop by The Racial Equity Institute on **Saturday, November 2 from 9-12** at DCCC, free of charge. For more info, contact Rev. Horton or visit the website at www.racialequityinstitute.com

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13

9:45AM Faith Formation (Education Building)
Adults: "A Bigger Table" book study led by Bonita Hooper
Children & Teens:
 Children's Sabbath Practice
Roving Helper: Camille Morgan

11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary
 "What Disciples Do: Say Thank You"

Following Worship: Congregational Meal & Budget Meeting {FH}

4-7:00 Fall Festival at Second UCC

Monday, October 14

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry {FH}

Tuesday, October 15

10:45AM Willing Weavers {Rm 3}
12:00PM Conversations on Race & Faith {FH}
2:00PM Meals on Wheels Board Meeting {P}

Wednesday, October 16

6:00PM Youth Ministry for Children & Teens
 Children's Sabbath Practice {FH}
6:30PM No Bell Choir this week
7:15PM No Choir this week

Thursday, October 17

5:15PM Yoga {Dance Studio}
7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Sunday, October 20

9:45AM Faith Formation (Education Building)
Adults: "A Bigger Table" book study led by Lisa Nelson
Children & Teens:
 Children's Sabbath Practice
Roving Helpers: Brian McKerlie and Renee Walsh

11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary
Children's Sabbath
 "What Disciples Do: Never Give Up"

Sunday, October 27 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Receive Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Sheets
 Lexington Senior High School Chorus Performs

5-6:00PM BLOCK PARTY

Sponsored by First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Grace Episcopal, First Reformed UCC and First United Methodist Churches (see advertisement on page 6)
If you would like to participate in the BLOCK PARTY, please contact Rev. Horton.

Sunday, November 3 HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Congregational Covered Dish Meal following worship

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

Lib Sink, Peggy Bates, Vogen Everhart, Katherine Skipper, Marguerite Leonard, Lindsay Sink, Bill Walser

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price
Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

OUR FRIENDS:

*Michelle Kilgorf (friend of Brian McKerlie), *Bert Davison (friend of Frank Leonard), *Chase Saunders (Lee & Ellen Bouchard's grandson), *Robert Phelps (friend of Janette Neal & John Potts), Pastor Marion Rhyne (friend of John Maze), Steve Comer (friend of the Holste's), Michael Cortina (friend of Patti Lovell), Carolyn Ward (John and James Gray's aunt), Bruce Wehrle (friend of Johnny & Lynn McCarn)

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).

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

October

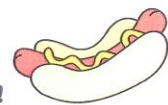
No Birthdays or Anniversaries on the Calendar for This Week

BLOCK PARTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 5pm-6pm



Games & Prizes
 (3rd Avenue @ First Presbyterian)



Hotdogs for the kids!
 (State St. @ First United Methodist)



(State Street Parking Lot @ First United Methodist)

Music



(corner of 3rd Avenue & State Street)

Wear a costume and BRING non-perishable canned food items (canned meats, canned pasta & canned beans, corn, or potatoes) for Pastor's Pantry



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