

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 6
9:30-10:00 Church-wide First Sunday Social {FH}
 Hosts: Mike Price & Brian McKerlie
10:00AM Faith Formation (Education Building)
Adults: "A Bigger Table" book study led by Bonita Hooper
Children &Teens: Children's Sabbath Practice: led by Stacy Sosebee-West
Roving Helper: Marge Doty
11:00AM **Worship in the Sanctuary**
 "What Disciples Do: Believe the Impossible"
World Communion
Neighbors in Need Offering
Kids Club with Alice Gray & Lynn Brown

Following Worship: **Consistory**

Monday, October 7

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry {FH}

Tuesday, October 8

10:00AM Collaborative Ministries {Parlor}
10:45AM Willing Weavers {Rm 3}
12:00PM Conversations on Race & Faith {FH}
6:00PM Men's Brotherhood & Women's Life Fellowship {FH}

Wednesday, October 9

6:30PM Bell Choir {Bell Room}
7:15PM Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, October 10

5:15PM Yoga {Dance Studio}
6:30PM Adult Education Subcommittee {Parlor}
7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Sunday, October 13

9:45AM Coffee {FH}
10:00AM Faith Formation (Education Building)
Adults: "A Bigger Table" book study led by Bonita Hooper
Children &Teens: Children's Sabbath Practice: led by Stacy Sosebee-West
Roving Helper: Camille Morgan
11:00AM **Worship in the Sanctuary**
 "What Disciples Do: Say Thank You"

Following Worship: **Congregational Meal & Budget Meeting {Fellowship Hall}**

4-7:00 **Fall Festival at Second UCC**

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

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

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, 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:

*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), Robert Phelps (friend of Janette Neal & John Potts)

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

Birthdays

6th
 Joy Walser

7th
 Kelsey Johnson

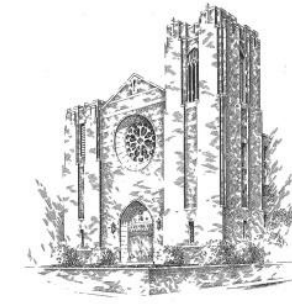
9th
 Griff Smith

12th
 Bill Robbins

Anniversaries

7th
 Robert & Beverly Sandifer

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The Worship of God

October 6, 2019
 World Communion
 Neighbors in Need Offering
 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

Before worship, please place your item from another country at the base of the pulpit.

Words for Worship

On this World Communion Sunday, we consciously gather with followers around the planet to take in the bread and cup of life and liberation. We worship, acknowledging the brokenness and hope that exists around the world and proclaim that the death-dealing ways of the powers-that-be are not the ways of Jesus Christ, the radical one from Nazareth.

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 & Maria Cruz

Leader: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.
 One: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.
All: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.
 One: All who are thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.
All: All who are thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.
 One: All who are lost will find safety here.
All: All who are lost will find safety here.
 One: All who are lonely will find a friend here.
All: All who are lonely will find a friend here.
 One: All who are broken will find healing here.
All: All who are broken will find healing here.
 One: All who have been wandering will find a home here.
All: All who have been wandering will find a home here.
 Leader: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!
All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn

"Gather Us In"

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*Invocation

Doris Sink

Centering

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

(All children Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to join Alice Gray & Lynn Brown for Kids Club.)

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

Merciful and forgiving God, we need a spirit of love and acceptance to flood into our lives this day. Even though we celebrate World Communion Sunday with the giving of the precious bread and of the beloved wine, still we harbor anger and vehemence against others. We act out of frustration rather than love. We hoard your gifts and only grudgingly share our bounty with others. We find ways to turn our backs on you, claiming that other things are more important than our

faith. Forgive us, for you have asked us to reach out to others with the reconciling love of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing the Peace "Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."

*Hymn "Together We Serve" p. 5

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Recited in Spanish by Maria Cruz

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 "Feed Me, Lord" Arr. Liebergen

Flute: Hilton Baker

*Feed me, Lord, feed me, Lord, give me peace restored.
Cleanse my soul, make me whole, Lamb of God adored.
Broken bread, sacred cup, these I share today.*

Take my life, heal my strife, Lord, show me the way, the way.

*Feed me, Lord, feed me, Lord, give me peace restored.
Cleanse my soul, make me whole, Lamb of God adored.*

Feed me, Lord, feed me, Lord, feed me, Lord from above, come to me.

The living bread now sets me free with God's eternal love.

Amazing Grace removes my pain; the cup I long to share, long to share;

Feed me, Lord, feed me. I live within Your care.

Feed me, Lord, feed me. Lord, Lamb of God adored.

Proclaiming

Scripture Luke 17: 5-10 Elizabeth Horton

(Page #954 in Pew Bible)

Sermon "What Disciples Do: Believe in the Impossible"

Responding

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy One, One of many names and faces, we thank you for how the light came out of darkness, for the division of the waters and dry land, for creating the whole planet up and through the cosmos and calling it sacred.

We thank you for creating us in your image, to live connected with love, for the gift of life, speech, and movement and freedom to live in Your Way.

Moses revealed your vision in commandments. Your prophets unleashed cries for justice when your people and your planet have been exploited and oppressed.

Through long generations we have ebbed and flowed with suffering and sorrow, healing and renewal. In the most beautiful and oppressive of times, You still called us beloved.

You are full of wonder and awe, O God. Your ways are just and prophetic. With all of creation in all times and places, with our brothers and sisters around your planet we praise you in one voice:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, Creator of milk and honey, of wheat and grapes, this table has over time been a symbol of love and community, a call to remembrance. Draw us in to be thankful for the gift of your holy welcome. Help us remember work of justice and love from of the radical rabbi from Nazareth, Jesus. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

We will wait to eat and drink together after all have been served.

Prayer after Communion

As one body, we weep with those who weep.

We hope with those who hope.

We live with suffering. We live with beauty.

Let us go from this table renewed to do work of Jesus that calls us.

Let us give thanks!

Invitation to Receive Offerings

Elizabeth Horton

Offertory Hymn

"Bind Us Together"

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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 Johnny & Lynn McCarn to the Glory of God and celebration of the 1st wedding anniversary of Jordan & Maria McCarn with wishes for many years of happiness together.

THE BUD VASE AT THE ALTAR is in celebration of the birth of Juliet Rose Odom, born on September 23 to Devin & Betsy Odom. Her big sister is Clara and proud grandparents are Calvin & Susan Odom.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Doris Sink

USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens

ACOLYTE: Jacob Hartle

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

PLATE ATTENDANT: J. W. Bates

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Calvin Odom

BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

NURSERY: John Smith

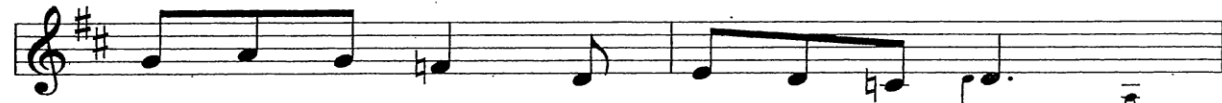
GREETER: Brian McKerlie

YOUTH USHER: Claire Smith

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
 2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 we are the old — who yearn for your face,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 not in some heav - en, light-years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



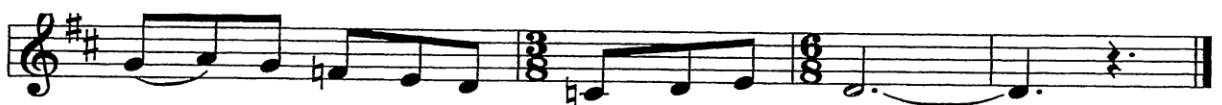
brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race. _____
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
 now is the King-dom, now is the day. _____



Gath-er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in — the
 Gath-er us in — the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in — the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and

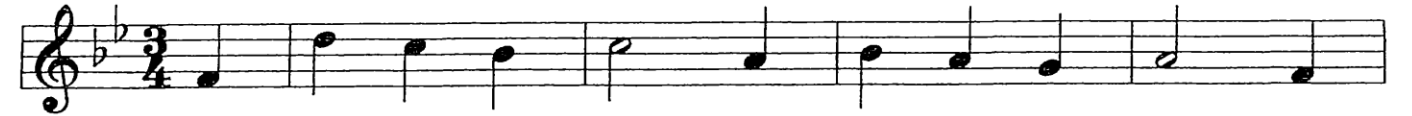


blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in — all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. _____
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

Together We Serve



1. To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love, in -
 2. We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope, a
 3. We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor, the
 4. To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work, re -



vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast. We
 lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We
 bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care. We
 mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong. To -



work and we pray through sor - row and joy, ex -
 learn, year by year, to let love shine through un -
 of - fer a home to those who will come, our
 geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth, re -



tend - ing your love to the last and the least.
 til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

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MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon

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Bind Us Together



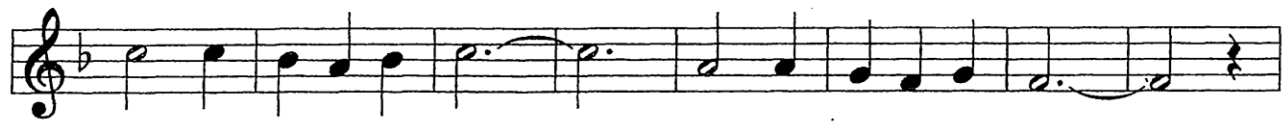
Bind us to- geth- er, Lord, bind us to- geth- er with cords that



can- not be bro - ken. Bind us to- geth- er, Lord,



bind us to- geth- er, Lord, bind us to- geth- er in love. —



There is on- ly one God, — there is on- ly one King; —



There is on- ly one bod- y, — that is why we sing. —

WORDS: Bob Gillman (Col. 3:14)

MUSIC: Bob Gillman

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BIND US TOGETHER

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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 PANTRYFOOD 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

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

During October Sunday School, our children and youth will focus on **preparation for Children's Sabbath** on October 20th. Stacy Sosebee-West will direct, with assistance from Keri & Jeremy Lovell, Keri & Casey Hartle and other volu7nteers.

Volunteers are still needed beyond October 20th as we begin practice for our Christmas program scheduled for December 8. If you can help, please contact the church office. (336-248-2617)

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 Cups
- Breakfast Bars
- Ramen Noodles
- Cheese Crackers
- Canned Vegetables
- Spaghetti-Os
- Chicken Noodle Soup

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND BUDGET MEETING

On **Sunday, October 13** we will hold our annual Congregational Meal and Budget Meeting in the Fellowship Hall following worship. The meal will be prepared by Mike Price and friends. The menu will include chicken casserole, scalloped potatoes and green beans. Drinks will be provided.

We are asking those who plan to attend to bring a dessert to share.

So that we can plan accurately, please sign up by using this and place it in the offering plate or call the church office. (336-248-2617)

NAME _____

ATTENDING _____

_____ **YES, I will bring a dessert.**

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS OCTOBER 9!