

# First Reformed United Church of Christ

*Where People Discover...  
The Love of God  
The Power to Love Others  
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

**March 4, 2018**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Lent 3**

**“Finding Wisdom:  
Listening to the Scripture”**



## **LISTEN**

*Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered and hearing devices are available.*

*Please let an usher know if you need assistance.*

*Please enter quietly and settle into an attentive and relaxed state of being. Let us begin this season of listening, of hearing that still, small voice and finding our own true selves.*

### **Music for Settling**

#### **\*Evoking the Mystery with the Chiming of the Hour**

*\*Bringing in the Light of Christ*

*“Come and Rest“*

*Solo: Come and rest. Come and listen.  
There’s a wisdom deep within that calls us closer.  
Come and rest. Come and listen.  
Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker.*

Ellen Peterson

#### **Welcome**

Elizabeth Horton

*“Come and Rest“*

***Choir:** Come and rest. Come and listen.  
There’s a wisdom deep within that calls us closer.*

***People:** Come and rest. Come and listen.  
There’s a wisdom deep within that calls us closer.*

***Choir:** Come and rest. Come and listen.  
Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker.*

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## Examen

Elizabeth Horton

(A prayer practice where we review our actions)

For that which, then, I thought was right...  
**have mercy, God.**

For that which, now, I regret...  
**forgive me, God.**

For that which, hence, I know not what to do...  
**guide me, God.**

Come and rest, come and listen.  
Know that grace, forgiveness and guidance are available to you  
at each and every moment that we turn to receive them.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Silent Rest

Sit quietly in the silence without any expectation of what you “ought” to be thinking. Don’t worry about sounds from children or elsewhere—simply let them float into and out of your attention. And if you find it difficult to settle your thoughts, contemplate the following:

*We spend so much time  
solving,  
fixing,  
figuring out.*

*What about simply letting things be for a minute?*

*It is often the most needed ingredient for a  
breakthrough.*

## \*Opening Hymn

*“Wonderful Words of Life” [Insert]*

## FIND

### Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

*All children (pre-Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to come forward to leave for  
Children’s Church with Cathy Waitman and Keri Hartle.*

# Wonderful Words of Life



1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me,      won - der - ful words of life;  
 2. Christ, the bless - ed one, gives to all      won - der - ful words of life;  
 3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call,      won - der - ful words of life;



let me more of their beau - ty see,      won - der - ful words of life;  
 sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call,      won - der - ful words of life;  
 of - fer par - don and peace to all,      won - der - ful words of life;



words of life and beau - ty      teach me faith and du - ty.  
 all so free - ly giv - en,      woo - ing us to heav - en.  
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior,      sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er.



*Refrain*



Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life.



Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life.



# The Psalmist's Prayer

*Psalm 46: 1-7*

Reader:

June Grubb

*God is our refuge and strength,  
a help always near in times of great trouble.  
That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart,  
when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea,  
when its waters roar and rage,  
when the mountains shake because of its surging waves.*

*There is a river whose streams gladden God's city,  
the holiest dwelling of the Most High.  
God is in that city. It will never crumble.  
God will help it when morning dawns.  
Nations roar; kingdoms crumble.  
God utters God's voice; the earth melts.  
The Lord of heavenly forces is with us!  
The God of Jacob is our place of safety.*

*"Meet Me Here"*

*Solo: Meet me here,  
Find me in my wanderings.  
Meet me here,  
Deep within my soul.*

Ellen Peterson

*People: Meet me here,  
Find me in my wanderings.  
Meet me here,  
Deep within my soul.*

## Seeking the Word

*Proverbs 1: 20-23*

Elizabeth Horton

*The scripture in this series will be done in an abridged "lectio divina" format—which means "divine reading." We will hear the scripture read once and then we will let that resonate for a bit with some music for the inward journey. What words or phrases popped out for you in the reading? Feel free to doodle in your Worship Guide with that word or phrase if you wish. When the music is over, we will hear the scripture read again.*

## Music for an Inward Journey

*"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"*

Words & Music by Charles H. Gabriel and Mrs. C.D. Martin

Ellen Peterson

## Hearing the Word

June Grubb

*Proverbs 1: 20-23*

Wisdom shouts in the street; in the public square she raises her voice. Above the noisy crowd, she calls out. At the entrances of the city gates, she has her say, “How long will you clueless people love your naïveté, mockers hold their mocking dear, and fools hate knowledge? You should respond when I correct you. Look, I’ll pour out my spirit on you. I’ll reveal my words to you.”

### Homily

Elizabeth Horton

## REFLECT

### Appointment with God

*Solo: Meet me here,  
Find me in my wanderings.  
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Deep within my soul.*

Ellen Peterson

***People: Meet me here,  
Find me in my wanderings.  
Meet me here,  
Deep within my soul.***

### Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Horton

## Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

### \*Prayer of Dedication

June Grubb

### \*Closing Hymn

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”* [Insert]

# God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that  
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—  
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,  
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.  
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.  
 John Hughes, c. 1907

# PREPARE TO LISTEN IN THE WORLD

Connecting

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**We're so thankful that you are still speaking,  
You're still speaking, gracious God.  
For the sake of the world you are seeking,  
We are listening, listening now.**

Please pass the peace with your neighbors as you move into the world.

**Music for Going Out**

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

## Upcoming Events

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**CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR PARENTS** will meet briefly with Rev. Horton directly after worship today in front of sanctuary.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** is next Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. You will find envelopes in your bulletin for this offering today and next Sunday. *"When we contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are part of God's work in the world."* ~OGHS

**GARDEN WORKSHOP** There will be another Garden Workshop with Edgar Miller next Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to come help out from 10-12:00. Also, on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Kid's Club will help plant potatoes with Edgar.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!!!** Don't forget to **TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR** before you go to bed next Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>.**

**TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE** is March 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed as project managers and general workers. Please see the sign-up form in the narthex if you can help! The deadline to sign up is March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** are still needed to serve as teachers and/or group leaders. Please contact Cathy Waitman by March 11 if you are interested. VBS is scheduled for June 17-21 at Second Reformed UCC. Each night will begin with a light supper at 5:00 with Bible School beginning at 6:00.

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY** Members of Girl Scout Troop 2160 will participate in morning worship next Sunday, March 11. A Noisy Offering that will be collected during worship which will go toward their June trip to Los Angeles and the Grand Canyon.

**INTERFAITH FORUM #3: March 11 at 4:00** The Board of Evangelism will present a third Interfaith Forum featuring **Father Constantine Shepherd** from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Winston Salem. The forum will be held in the Fellowship Hall with refreshments following the presentation.

**"40 BAGS in 40 DAYS" DECLUTTER CHALLENGE** will continue until March 29<sup>th</sup>. You may drop off contributions for the yard sale at any time before then in the classroom downstairs in the education building that is labeled "GIRL SCOUTS."

### **EASTER LILY ORDER FORM**



Easter Lilies may be pre-ordered by Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. **The cost of each plant is \$13.00.** Lilies can be picked up immediately following the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. To purchase a lily in honor or memory of someone, complete the order form and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 336-248-2617.

### ***DEADLINE TO ORDER IS Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>***

In Loving Memory of

By

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In Honor of

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, March 4                      Third Sunday in Lent**

- 9:45am Children – JAM with Ellen Peterson and Carolyn Robbins  
New Way – studying Mark with Jerry Lovell  
Willing Workers – studying Genesis with Doug Sink  
Still Speaking Class – studying **“Let Your Life Speak”** by Parker Palmer  
with Elizabeth Horton {P}
- 10:30am First Sunday Social: Lisa Nelson & Michell Winters
- 11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary...Children’s Church with Cathy Waitman and Keri Hartle
- 12:15pm Brief meeting for confirmands and their parents at the front of the sanctuary**

### **Monday, March 5**

- 5:00pm Tutoring  
6:00pm Open Hands Ministry {FH}

### **Tuesday, March 6**

- 10:00am Weaving Women {WW Classroom}  
11-12:00 Lenten Lunch & Learn {P}  
6:30pm Bd. of Evangelism {P}  
Bd. of Christian Education {Rm. 102}

### **Wednesday, March 7**

- \*\*\*DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER LILIES\*\*\***
- 11:00am Morning Glory Circle {P}  
12:00pm Community Lenten Service {First Lutheran Church}  
6:30pm Bell Choir {Bell Room}  
7:15pm Choir {Ch. A}

### **Thursday, March 8**

- 5:30pm YOGA Class {P}  
7:00pm Square Dancing {FH}

### **Saturday, March 10**

- 10-12:00 Community Garden Workday

**TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR...DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS TOMORROW!**

### **Sunday, March 11**

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent...One Great Hour of Sharing... Girl Scout Sunday...Noisy Offering**

- 9:45am Children – studying Abraham & Isaac with Cathy Waitman  
New Way – studying Mark with Dave Fulton  
Willing Workers – studying Genesis with Doug Sink  
Still Speaking Class – studying **“Let Your Life Speak”** by Parker Palmer  
with Elizabeth Horton {P}
- 11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:15pm Consistory
- 4:00pm Interfaith Forum #3: Father Constantine Shepherd...refreshments following {FH}

### **Looking Ahead...**

#### **Sunday March 18**

Kids Club Plants potatoes in the Community Garden  
Catawba Singers at 3:00pm

#### **Saturday, March 24**

Touching Davidson County with Love

### **Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {March 4-10}**

Birthdays                      March 5                      Charyl Clark  
Tony Peele

## *Thank You for Serving Our Church*

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**USHERS:** Steve Smith, Ted Smith, Vicky Gray, Amy Hedrick

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** John Smith

**YOUTH USHER:** Griff Smith

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** John Gray

**ACOLYTE:** Ethan Lovell

**GREETERS:** Gladys Snider & Deanna Michael

**BIBLE STEWARD:** Claire Smith

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:** John Smith & Joy Walser

- ❖ **A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom {through left door at 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 {through left or right door at chancel.}**

## *Our Church at Prayer*

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or the church office.

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Jo Hudson (Lexington Health Care), Gennie Lou Byerly, Ruth Essick, J.W. Bates, Carolyn Spivey, Peggy Bates, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:** Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Joyce Price, Rita Tussey, Adena Wall, Marzell Crotts, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

**OUR FRIENDS:** Dot Crotts (Frank Leonard's aunt), Julia Clodfelter (Deanna Michael's sister and Mary Berrier's sister-in-law), Doris Brown (Mike & Lynn Brown's sister-in-law), Ronald Yates, (Eddie Yates' dad), Nell and Ken Holmes (neighbors of Jerry and Patti Lovell), Jeffery Saunders (Amy Hedrick's son), Debra Craver (friend of Alisa Johnson), Sharon Ward (friend of Alisa Johnson), Eric Varnadore (Carol Varnadore's son), Ashley Anderson (Lee Ann Peele's cousin), Nancy Barr (Betty Barr's mother-in-law), Judy Stanley (family of Alane Holste) Greg Nifong (Lib Sink's nephew), Danny Lloyd (Frank Callicutt's father), Russ Maze (John Maze's father), Lynn Mack (friend of Mary Berrier)

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