



*First Reformed
United Church
of Christ*



Where People Discover...

*The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
God is still speaking,

June 10, 2018
11:00am

*Outdoor Service of Worship
Wildcat Mountain*

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Jonathan Kepley

Welcome
Responsive Call to Worship

Elizabeth Horton
Jonathan Kepley

Leader: We invite the wilderness to worship with us:

People: Strong willow oaks and long leaf pines, red maples and glistening moss!

Leader: We invite the tall trees to celebrate life:

People: To lift their green leaves in the breeze and sing their oxygen into the air.

Leader: We call the forest to sing out loud:

People: Green tree frogs and brown fluffy squirrels, wild coyotes, and white tailed deer!

Leader: We join with all the creatures in praising God:

People: Hawks and hummingbirds, crows and cardinals, creeping things and butterflies.

Leader: We celebrate the song of the forest!

People: Sing, forest, sing!

Hymn: "This Is My Father's World"

Insert

Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Scripture Reading

Job 12:7-10

Jonathan Kepley

But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of God has done this? In God's hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all humankind.

God and Grass

(A conversation between God and St. Francis, Patron Saint of Animals and the Environment)

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

O God, maker of heaven and earth, You placed us in your glorious creation, and You commanded us to care for it. Yet we have misused your earth for greed and gain. Forgive us for profiting off of poisonous pollution; forgive us for being careless with your creation. Turn us around. Help us live gently on this earth with reverence; sharing space with creatures great and small. Amen.

Invitation to Give Our Offerings

Special Music: Sing-Along Inserts
(FIRST & LAST verses of "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine," "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus")

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rust-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-ery-where.
Lord is King; let the heav-ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

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Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Is anyone happy? . . . Sing songs of praise. Jas. 5:13

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am

glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove
 hap-py and blest, watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

Refrain

born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. This is my sto-ry,
 ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; this is my

sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873
 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE
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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 lean-ing on Je-sus,

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 (Dt. 33:27)
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

By prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Prayer of Dedication

Jonathan Kepley

Psalm 104

Elizabeth Horton

*You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,
 giving drink to every wild animal;
 By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.
 From your lofty abode You water the mountains;
 the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
 and plants for people to use to bring forth food from the earth,
 and wine to gladden the human heart,
 oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.
 The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that He planted.
 In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.
 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
 You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.
 You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
 The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.
 When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.
 People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.*

*O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom You have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
 creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.
 There go the ships and Leviathan that You formed to sport in it.
 These all look to You to give them their food in due season;
 when You give to them, they gather it up;
 when You open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

“Rooted”

Elizabeth Horton

Hymn:

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Insert

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Jonathan Kepley

Leader: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

People: Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

*Benediction & Blessing of the Meal

Elizabeth Horton

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782
 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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Upcoming Events

YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP TO VISIT THE BUTTERLY FARM ON JUNE 13th

Join others in the Friendship Club, along with some of their children and grandchildren, for the trip to All-a-Flutter Butterfly Farm in High Point on **Wednesday, June 13th**. We will leave from the church at 9:00am to travel to the farm. Afterwards we will eat lunch at Chick-Fil-A or any of the many other fast food restaurants in the area. **PLEASE LET CATHY KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

SPECIAL NOTE: *The church office will be closed June 13th because the staff will be on the trip to the butterfly farm.*

NEW SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

Worship will begin at 10:00am on June 17th. There will NOT be Sunday school. **Worship will be held in the Chapel.** We will follow this schedule through July 29th. If the painting is complete, Sunday school and worship will resume at their regular times the first Sunday in August. Look for updates on the painting progress in future weekly emails and bulletins.

SPECIAL NOTE: *As we move into a smaller setting for worship this month and next, we ask that you be considerate of others' sensitivity or allergies to strong perfumes and colognes. Please use them sparingly.*

GARDEN WORKDAY NEXT SATURDAY

Edgar Miller is planning another garden workday for **Saturday, June 16** to plant green beans and sweet potatoes. Plan to help out from 10-12:00 on this day if you can.

Also, the youth will be helping harvest potatoes planted in March on **Sunday, June 24**. Make sure your child dresses appropriately for garden work!

Our Church at Prayer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 10 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
11:00am **WORSHIP & PICNIC AT WILDCAT MOUNTAIN**

Monday, June 11 6:30pm Open Hands Meal {FH}

Wednesday, June 13 9:00am Friendship Club's trip to All-A-Flutter Butterfly Farm in High Point and Lunch
NOTE: The office will be closed today because the staff will be on the trip to the butterfly farm

Thursday, June 14 5:30pm Yoga {P}
7:00pm Square Dancing {FH}

Sunday, June 17 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST...FATHER'S DAY**
COMMUNION SUNDAY
10:00am **Worship in the Chapel...**Youth Service Project with Cathy Waitman
11:00pm Prayer Circle – front of the Chapel
5:30-7:30pm Vacation Bible School at Second Reformed UCC
5:30-6:00 Supper
6:00-7:30 Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 18-Thursday, June 21
Vacation Bible School 5:30-6:00pm Supper
6:00-7:30pm Vacation Bible School

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {June 10-16}

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| Birthdays | June 11 | Frankie Hedrick |
| | June 13 | Beth Callicutt |

PRAYER CONCERNS: Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or call the church office at 336-248-2617.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Sherry Bonner, Kelly Greathouse, Doug Sink, Ruth Fritts (Hinkle Hospice Home), Marguerite Leonard, June Grubb, Margot Everhart, Margie & Vogen Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: Linda Yarborough (Mike Brown's aunt – Trauma Center at WFBMC, Winston Salem), Lacy Belcher (friend of Vicky Gray), Bob Saylor (friend of John Maze), Jonelle Parker (friend of Frank Leonard), Patsy Bailey Via (Peggy Bates' sister), Sandra Johnson (friend of Patti & Jerry Lovell), Dennis Yocum (Carolyn Yocum's son), Ikie Trexler (friend of Mike & Lynn Brown), Eddie Wray (friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (friend of Susie Smith), Susan & Joe Calloway (friends of Patti Lovell), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Harold Peoples (friend of Cheryl Walser), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1st UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves, Ashley Hutcheson (Heidi & Ron Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

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