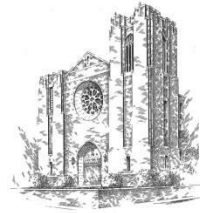


First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019
11:00AM

*You are Lord of heaven; You are Lord of earth. Lord of all creation, You are the Holy Word.
You alone are Lord; You alone are God; You alone are Holy Lord of all, of all; You are God!*

*You alone are Holy; You alone are God;
You alone are worthy of our praise. You are God, our God!*

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 Elizabeth Horton
Response in Song

**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 simple be.**

Catching Our Breath
Prayer for Clearing Out June Grubb

God of our Present Moments, we struggle to make sense of our choices.

Let us *make* room for You.

Draw us into this time of worship to tune into the bigger picture.

Let us *find* room for You.

Help us clear out the fast ideals that drive us away from what's important.

Let us *be* room for You.

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

*Passing the Peace

*Opening Hymn "As the Deer Pants for the Water" Insert

Centering

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

*Invocation Elizabeth Horton
Scripture Reading Psalm 63: 1-8 June Grubb
(Page #516 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 and Teens are invited to help in Community Garden Ministry to plant potatoes.)

Anthem "You Alone Are God" Mary McDonald

*You alone are Holy; You alone are God. You alone are worthy to receive our praise.
You alone are God; You alone are Lord. You alone are Holy Lord of all.*

*You alone are Righteous; You alone are Pure; You alone are worthy of our praise.
You alone are God; You alone are Lord. You alone are Holy Lord of all. You are God!*

*You alone are Honor; glorified forever; You are Lord, You're my strength and I will praise You!
You alone are worthy to receive glory, to receive all our worship and praises,
All our praises, all our praise; You are our God!*

Scripture Luke 13: 1-9 Elizabeth Horton
(Page #950 of Pew Bible)

Sermon "Reconnecting with Reality"
*Hymn of Commitment "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" Insert

Responding

Timing Ourselves Out for Prayer Elizabeth Horton
Choral Response "The Lord's Prayer" LORD'S PRAYER (OPPENHEIMER)

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 memory of Bud & Maxine Lohr.; given by Buddy and Rita Lohr.

HAPPENING AT FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brooks Caleb Lovell was born Tuesday, March 19. Proud parents are Josh and Beverly Lovell. Caleb's big sister is Payton. Jerry and Patti Lovell are proud, blessed grandparents for the fifth time.

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

Today is the LAST DAY to sign-up for service projects and T-shirts. Please check the lists in the Narthex and volunteer if you are able.

TDCWL is also assisting local agencies in need. **The following items will be collected until April 13.** Collection boxes will be in the Narthex.

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

For questions, please contact Jerry Lovell. (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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 31

One Great Hour of Sharing is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee and development activities. (Please see insert.)

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

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 _____

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 Vicky Gray	ACOLYTE: Ethan Lovell
Brian McKerlie Amy Hedrick	BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson
NURSERY: Nicole Smith & Nina Smith	GREETERS: James & Alice Gray

❖ **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**

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:

Leigh Hodges Earnhardt and Jerry & Merle Hodges, Harriette Murphy, Valerie Price (Lexington Health Care), Lib Sink, Mary Berrier, Tammy Rhodes, Janelle Bunn, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marzell Crofts, Jo Hudson, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS:

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

27th
Jonathan Kepley

28th
Elizabeth Horton

ANNIVERSARIES

27th
Mark & Karla Loper
Cliff & Paula Lopp
Steve & Cathy Waitman

29th
Doris Flynt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 24

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
{Downstairs} Children & Teens Service Project
{Parlor} "Love Wins" Book Study
{You are welcome to attend even if you missed last week's discussion}

11:00AM WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Lent
Kids Club: Plant Potatoes for the Community Garden Ministry *dress appropriately for working in the garden*

Monday, March 25

10:00AM Willing Weavers {Rm 3}
12:00PM Newsletter Articles Due
6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Wednesday, March 27

12:00PM Community Lenten Service & \$5 Lunch at First UMC (Methodists will lead service)
Friendship Club will attend the Community Lenten Service
7:00PM Choir {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, March 28

5:30PM Yoga {Dance Studio}
6:00PM Red Hats Meal & Meeting {FH}

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 last week's discussion}

11:00AM WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Children's Church

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

Psalm 42
As the Deer Pants for the Water

Unison D A/C# Bm Bm/A

1 As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my
2 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly
3 You're my friend and you are my bro - ther, e - ven

G Asus A D A/C#

soul longs af - ter you,
you can sa - tis - fy;
though you are a king,

you a - lone are my
you a - lone are the
I love you more than

Bm G D/F# Em7 A7sus A7 D

heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.
real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.
a - ny o - ther, so much more than a - ny - thing!

Bm Bm/A G D/F#

You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to

G Bm/F# Em F#sus F#m D A/C#

you a - lone may my spir - it yield, you a - lone are my

Bm G D/F# Em7 A7sus A7 D

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you!

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

WOODWORTH LM

Charlotte Elliott, 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849
Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,
4. Just as I am, Thy love un - known Has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea,

come to Thee,
in, with - out,
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
Thine a - lone,

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