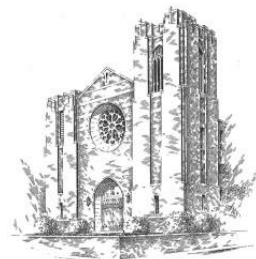


**First Reformed
United Church of Christ**



The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Unexpected Acts of God

May 19, 2019 Holy Communion
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

Choral Opening

"Come to the Waters"

Call to Worship

Inspired from Psalm 148

Kalyssa Hutchens

Praise God, all people! Praise the Lord, all creation!

Whales do backflips in the air, squid and spider crabs dance on the ocean floor;

Giant redwoods stretch to the sky, tomato blossoms rise from the stalk.

Mountains cradle the sunrise, moles tunnel through our front lawns;

Dogwoods decorate our yards, grass grows faster than our children;

Turtles taking a rest on the rocks, warblers and woodpeckers sing their song,

Praise the Lord, all creation!

Praise God, all people!

*Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Welcome

Centering

Scripture Reading

John 13: 31-35

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Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

God of compassion and mercy, you sent your Son as the Savior of the world, and told us to love one another as much as you loved us. Yet, we struggle. We have a hard time loving those who are not like us, who disagree with us, or who ask us to face the truths about ourselves. It is written that perfect love casts out fear, and yet we are afraid: Afraid for our safety, our wallets, and how others perceive us. Forgive us, God, and show us how to love the way you command us to love. Release us from our judgment and our fear. Open our hearts so that they might receive your perfect love for us, and offer it to the world.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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Young Disciples

(All youth are invited to join Keri Lovell and Keri Lopp in the Chapel for Children's Church.)

Invitation to Receive Offerings

Elizabeth Horton

Offertory

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God with all the hosts above. Praise God in wonder, joy and love.

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Kalyssa Hutchens

Anthem

"As We Break the Bread"

Jay Allhouse

*As we break the bread, as we drink the wine,
All our strength will be supplied,
Lord Jesus will provide. And may it ever be.*

*As we break the bread, as we drink the wine,
In this blessed, holy place
We will know the tender grace
Of Jesus Christ, who said, "Remember me."*

*This is the body broken; this, our daily bread.
This is the blood of the covenant; with it we are fed.*

*As we break the bread, as we drink the wine,
We remember Jesus said, "I will rise up from the dead."
In His death we shall be free from all sin eternally,
For our Lord and Savior said, "Remember me."*

*As we break the bread, as we drink the wine,
We remember Him.*

Proclaiming

Scripture

Acts 11: 1-18 Elizabeth Horton
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Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"Surprise: A Change in Menu"

Responding

*Hymn

"All Who Hunger"

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Invitation

Communion Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Little children, lift your hearts to God.

We lift them to the One who loves us forever.

Let us glorify the One who has raised Jesus to new life.

We sing praises to God, who makes all things new.

...Therefore, with those around the Throne,
and with those in every time and place, we sing our praises to you:

Holy, holy, holy, God who makes all things new.

The height, the depth, the breadth, the width of creation praises you.

Hosanna in the highest!

**Blessed is the One who comes, the Alpha and Omega.
Hosanna in the highest!**

...So as we sing our Easter Alleluias,
we echo that mystery we call faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine
Call to the Table

*(Please come forward through the middle aisle,
receive the bread and the cup, and return through the side aisle)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

*Call to Discipleship

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us to share God's love in the unexpected places?"

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

Kalyssa Hutchens

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

"Peace I Leave with You"

Elizabeth Horton

*Are any among you hurting in mind, body or spirit?
Are any among you in need of the healing presence of God in your lives?*

After the service, if you would like prayer and anointing, please come kneel at the front,
and Rev. Horton will anoint you with oil in the name of the Lord.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

This God is our God . . . he will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren land;
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but thou art might - y— hold me with thy power - ful hand:
let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through:
death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side:

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

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WORDS: William Williams, 1745; tr. Peter Williams and William Williams, 1771, 1772
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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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,
 lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean -
 ing, lean - ing,
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

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

SHOWALTER
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All Who Hunger

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast:
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan 1990
 Music: William Moore 1825, arr. David Kai 1994, alt.
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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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my father, Robert H. Morris and my grandparents, W. G. & Ida H. Morris; given by Lennie & Ann Morris Cooper.

LAST CHANCE TO BUY A RAFFLE TICKET FOR DESSERT-OF-THE-MONTH is after worship in the Fellowship Hall before lunch. Money collected will benefit the Send-a-Kid-to-JRVC fund. Four winning tickets will be drawn at the luncheon on May 19th.

1 ticket for \$2.00 or
3 tickets for \$5.00

YOU CAN STILL HELP SEND-A-KID-TO-JRVC by putting a check in the offering plate with "JRVC" on the memo line or donate on line.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Wednesday, May 22 in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish lunch. Meat, dessert, and tea will be provided. Rita Lohr will have devotions. The program will be provided by Rachel Denny through stories and music.

THE OPEN AND AFFIRMING TEAM (formerly the Welcoming Task Force) will have its next planning meeting May 31 at 5:00pm at Kivi Miller's home (319 Becks Church Road, Lexington) to discuss plans for attending Salisbury PRIDE. Bring an appetizer to share. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

JUNE 2nd WE WILL CELEBRATE GRADUATES AND ALL MILESTONES IN EDUCATION... kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school or college. **Please advise the church office by Sunday, May 26th.**

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED on JUNE 2nd. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining our church.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

COMMUNION SERVIERERS: Rev. June Grubb, Doris Sink, Lindsay Sink

LITURGIST: Kalyssa Hutchens

PLATE ATTENDANT: Doug Sink

GREETER: Susan Miller

USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Dave Fulton

NURSERY: John Smith

USHERS: Mike Brown (Captain), Keith Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Ramona Yarbrough, Jeremy Peterson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"A CONVERSATION ON RACE AND FAITH" continues each Tuesday in May from 12:00-1:00pm in our church Parlor. Bring your own lunch. Meetings will be led by Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly, Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. Jim Luck.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL is Tuesday, May 21st from 5-7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, dessert and drink. There is a suggested \$5.00 donation for the meal, which will benefit Davidson County Crisis Fund.

A RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held Wednesday, May 29 from 2:30-7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE AND SIGN UP to help with items for the church picnic on **JUNE 9th**. Sign-up sheets are available in the adult Sunday school class and the Narthex. One will also be available during the May 19th luncheon. **Please sign up to help by Sunday, May 26!** Contact Cathy Waitman at 336-250-2731 or cathy@frucc.org.

A CELEBRATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS is being planned by the Board of Evangelism for the summer. We would **love** to display some of your art work in the Fellowship Hall for the month of August and share your talents with the congregation, community and friends. If you have a painting, watercolor, pen & ink sketch, photography, pottery or any other samples of visual art work that you created, please get in touch with Bonita Hooper. (336-243-2440 or bonitahooper@gmail.com)

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

Mike Price

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Mike Price, Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Accordius Health (formerly Brian Center): Valerie Price

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

Westchester Manor: James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS:

*Saundra Everhart (Friend of Brian McKerlie), Leonard Prevette (Bill Walser's cousin), Janice Tritt (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin)

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.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 19-25

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

19th

Jerry & Patti Lovell

20th

Dan & Elizabeth Horton



FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR, ELLEN PETERSON

WANTED: People to share their musical talents

WHEN: Selected Summer Worship Services

WHO: Anyone... Young or Old

WHAT: Accordion to Xylophone... Solos to Quartets...and Everything in Between

HOW: If interested, please email ELLEN [ellenrpeterson@gmail.com] or contact the church office and a message will be sent to her. (336-248-2617)

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, May 19 Holy Communion Sunday

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

{Downstairs}

Youth Service Project:

Cookies for Police Officers

Adults: "Love Wins" book study

{Parlor}

11:00AM WORSHIP

Holy Communion

Children's Church

Following Worship: Ticket Sales for Dessert of the Month for Send-a-Kid-to-Camp Salad & Sandwich Luncheon {FH} Dessert-of-the-Month Drawing {FH}

Monday, May 20

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, May 21

10:00AM Willing Weavers {Rm 3}

12:00PM "A Conversation on Race and Faith" {Parlor}

5-7:00PM Community Meal

Menu: hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, dessert & drink

Wednesday, May 22

12:00PM Friendship Club {FH}

7:00PM Choir Will **Not** Meet

Thursday, May 23

5:30PM Yoga {Dance Studio}

7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Friday, May 24

DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Saturday, May 25

7:00PM 208th Army Band Performance

1st Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 26 Holy Communion Sunday

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

{Downstairs}

Children

Teens

{Parlor}

Adults: "Love Wins" book study

11:00AM WORSHIP

Following Worship:

Service for Tom Danze and John Walser in the Memorial Garden

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Beginning June 16th, worship will be held at 10:30AM in the sanctuary. Sunday School will not meet during the summer. This schedule will continue through September 1st.