

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

Welcome and Announcements

Elizabeth Horton

Opening Chorus

"Open My Eyes, Lord"

*Call to Worship

Dave Fulton

Come out of the shadows and into God's light!

We will not play hide and seek, but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.

Lay down all which is a burden to you.

We will give our fears to God, who is our help in every moment.

Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

We long to live in God's presence every day of our lives.

*Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

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*Invocation

Dave Fulton

Centering

Scripture Reading

Psalms 27: 1, 4-9
(Page #493 in Pew Bible)

Dave Fulton

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

Loving Jesus, we confess that we have been afraid. We don't listen, because we don't want to hear where you challenge us to change. We don't follow, because we are afraid of where you will lead us. Forgive us and grant us the courage to step out in faith, to listen to Your voice, and to be changed by Your love through others and through Your creation. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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Young Disciples (All children, Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

Reception of New Members

Elizabeth Horton

Joe and Cathy Browder

Eugenia Holste

Invitation

Pastor: Let us affirm together our faith as we receive these new members into our church.

Congregation: We believe in God who has created and is creating

Pastor: God has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new. God works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: We trust God. God calls us to be the church.

Pastor: Will you promise to support this congregation with your time, talents, and resources, participating regularly in the worship and work of First Reformed United Church of Christ?

New Members: We do promise. With you, we will celebrate God's presence, love and serve other, care for creation, seek justice and resist evil. We will allow ourselves to be changed and shaped by this congregation as we grow.

Pastor: With your love, God will love. With your hands, God will touch the community. With your lives, God will bring justice and compassion to the world.

Congregation: We promise you our love, support and care. We will allow ourselves to be changed and shaped by you as we seek to live together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

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

Special Music

"It Is Well"

Lee Ann Peele and Mike Price

Proclaiming

Scripture

Matthew 4: 12-23
(Page #879 in Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"The Promise of Ministry"

Responding

*Hymn

"Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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*Invitation to Receive Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Dave Fulton

Sending

*Call to Dedication

Dave Fulton

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

"Standing on the Promises"

*Postlude

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

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Dave Fulton

PLATE ATTENDANT: Doris Sink

SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray

USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens

ACOLYTE: Emma Hartle

BIBLE STEWARD: Jacob Hartle

USHERS: Mark Smith (Captain), Jeremy Peterson, Kivi Miller, Denise Durham, Ava Miller (Youth Usher)

GREETERS: Buddy & Rita Lohr

How Firm a Foundation

Isa. 43:2-5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5

"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
 for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names since it first appeared in Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832).

Tune: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.
 Early United States melody
 from Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832
 Alternate tune: ADESTE FIDELES

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

"Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." Mt. 8:19 .

Unison

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
 3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
 4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
 with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

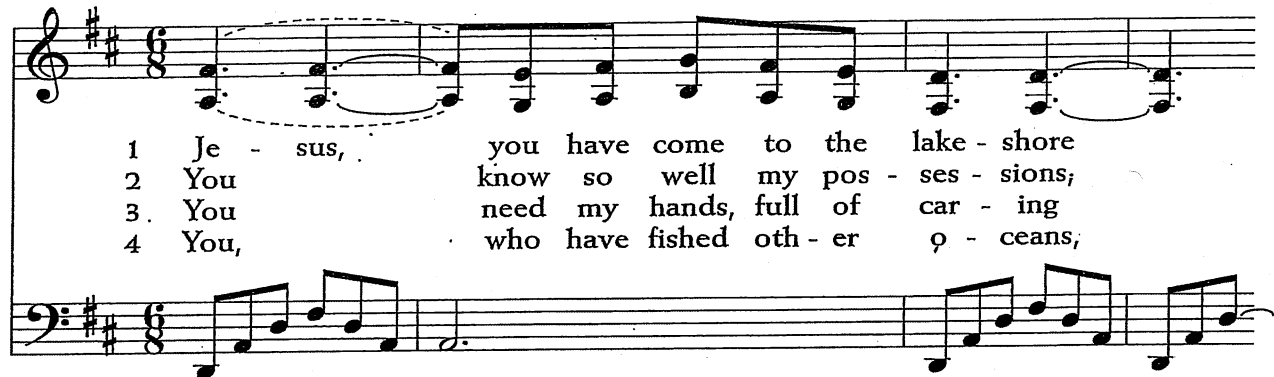
Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 Je - sus?— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

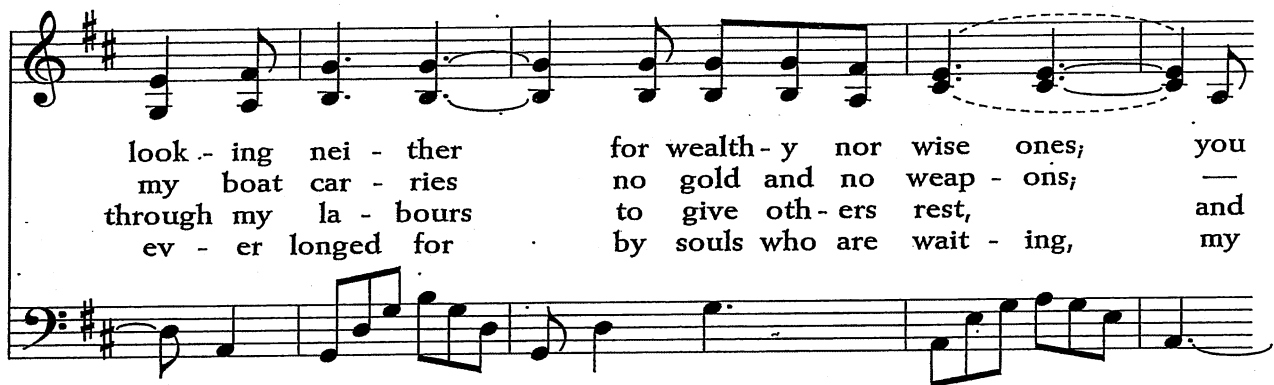
ASSAM
Irregular

Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Unison



1 Je - sus, you have come to the lake - shore
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions;
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans,

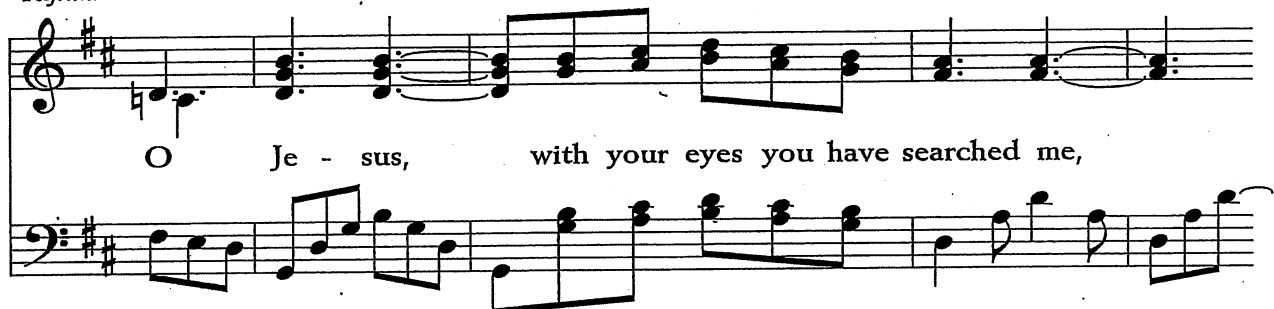


look - ing nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones, you
 my boat car - ries no gold and no weap - ons;
 through my la - bours to give oth - ers rest, and
 ev - er longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my



on - ly asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 you will find there my nets and la - bour.
 con - stant love that keeps on lov - ing.
 lov - ing friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain



O Je - sus, with your eyes you have searched me,

Words: Cesáreo Gabaráin 1979, trans. Gertrude C. Suppe, George Lockwood,
 Raquel Gutiérrez-Achón 1987

Music: Cesáreo Gabaráin 1979, harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo 1987

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PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
 Irregular with refrain

Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (continued)

and while smil - ing, have spo - ken my name;

now my boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me;

by your side I will seek oth - er seas.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps). It consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains the lyrics 'and while smil - ing, have spo - ken my name;'. The second system contains 'now my boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me;'. The third system contains 'by your side I will seek oth - er seas.' The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the Bass part providing harmonic support. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the Soprano part.

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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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 26

9:30AM Coffee Cart

9:45AM **Adult Sunday School**

Book Study on "Trouble I've Seen"

led by Bonita Hooper and Stacey Sosebee-West

Youth and Children Sunday School: Social Justice

Youth Leader: Jeremy Lovell

Children's Leaders: Renee Walsh & Travis

New Member Orientation {Pastor's Study}

11:00AM **Worship in the Sanctuary**

New Member Sunday

Monday, January 27

5:30PM Clothing Closet {Basement}

6:30PM Open Hands Meal {FH}

7:00PM Adult Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, January 28

10:45AM Willing Weavers

Wednesday, January 29

6:30PM Bell Choir

7:15PM Choir

Thursday, January 30

5:15PM Yoga Class {Dance Studio}

7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Sunday, February 2

9:45AM **Adult Sunday School**

Book Study on "Trouble I've Seen"

led by Bonita Hooper and Stacey Sosebee-West

Youth and Children Sunday School: Social Justice

Youth Leader: Jeremy Lovell

Children's Leaders: Renee Walsh & Travis

10:30AM **Church-wide First Sunday Social:**

John & Susie Smith and Jonathan Kepley

11:00AM **Worship in the Sanctuary**

Holy Communion

"Souper" Bowl Sunday

Following Worship: Consistory

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Myra Thompson and Tommy & Wesley Gould and family upon the death of Lauren Thompson Gould.

OUR MEMBERS:

Lynn Brown, Susan Miller, Ellen Bouchard, Bill Walser

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Katherine Skipper, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt

OUR FRIENDS:

*Family and Friends of Carol Swoope (friend of Ben Hale and John Maze), *Jerry Byrd (friend of John & Susie Smith), *The Family of Shelia Hanes (friend of Alane Holste), *The Family of Myra Hepler (friend of Alane Holste), Cpt. Kacie Allred, USAF (Raeann Allred's step-daughter), Beverly Ward (Ron Link's Sister-in-law)

**Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. 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).*

~JANUARY & FEBRUARY~

BIRTHDAYS

January 30th
Lauren Gregg

February 1st
Bonita Hooper
Cameron Sink

ANNIVERSARIES

February 1st
Ted & Nina Smith

SIGN UP THE CONGREGATIONAL MEAL

Yarborough's Restaurant will cater lunch for the February 9th Congregational Meal and Meeting.
The menu includes: broasted chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans,
choice of layered or Italian salad, rolls, tea & lemonade.

WE ARE ASKING THOSE ATTENDING TO BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE.

The suggested donation for the meal is **\$8.00 for adults** and **\$3.50 for children (11 and under)**.

To help with planning, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE if you plan to attend. You may also contact the church office at 336-248-2617.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP... WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

Name _____

Adults _____ # Children (11 and under) _____

I can bring a dessert _____

**Following lunch, we will hold our Congregational Meeting:
HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019 AND
SHOWCASING MINISTRIES FOR 2020 AND BEYOND.**

TRIP TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM IN GREENSBORO

On February 8, a trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro is planned. If you would like attend, please contact the church office. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:30AM to carpool. **The deadline to sign up is Monday, February 3.**

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

It's Girl Scout Cookie time! Several Girl Scouts representing different troops are now attending our church and will be working together as a team to bring you your favorite cookies. They will be set up outside the Fellowship Hall during the Congregational Meal & Meeting on February 9. Cookies are \$4 per box.

NEW FLOWER CHAIRPERSON

The Board of Worship and Sacrament has a new flower chairperson. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar during worship, you now will contact Linda Sink (lindabs48@yahoo.com or 336-250-0495.)

SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, February 12:

American Red Cross Blood Drive {FH}
2:00-7:00PM

Sunday, February 23:

Reception to Honor Lee Ann Peele on her Retirement {FH}
2:00-4:00PM with Remarks at 3:00

ARE YOU READY FOR THE "SOUPER" BOWL?

"SOUPER" BOWL Sunday is February 2. The Board of Community Outreach, with the help of some of our children and youth, will stand at the church doors at the end of the worship service with soup pots to collect donations for **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**. Last year we collected \$393 because of your generosity. Contributions will go to Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. Remember to bring dollars and any loose change to help on February 2!

ON-GOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

• CLOTHES CLOSET

Please continue to bring donations to the table across from the office or contact Jerry Lovell (336-309-9302). If you'd like to volunteer to help out in the Clothes Closet, please contact Jerry.

• FOOD ITEMS FOR CEES BACKPACK PROGRAM:

Please continue to bring requested food items for Charles England Elementary School to the large box in the Narthex or the table outside the church office.

Juice Boxes

Spaghetti-Os

Breakfast Bars

Ramen Noodles

Applesauce Cups

Canned Soup

Cheese Crackers

Beanie Weenies

Canned Tuna

Canned Vegetables

Vienna Sausages

Gallon Ziploc Bags