

## ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES BY SUNDAY, APRIL 6! (\$13.00 each)

Complete the form below and place in offering plate or contact the church office (336-248-2617.) The lilies will be displayed on the Resurrection Cross at the front of the sanctuary for Easter morning's service. You will be able to take the lilies home following worship.

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## HOLY WEEK APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>



### Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Palm/Passion Sunday

9:45am Sunday School: Prayer Labyrinth in the Fellowship Hall

11:00am Worship Service

12:00pm Community Palm Sunday Service on the Square

### Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Maundy Thursday Service

### Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Good Friday Service

### Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Easter Sunday

Bring fresh flowers for the Resurrection Cross

9:45am Easter Breakfast --- Craft Stations --- Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Scavenger Hunt

11:00 Worship Service

Join us as we celebrate in word and song the joy of the Resurrection and new life.

#### FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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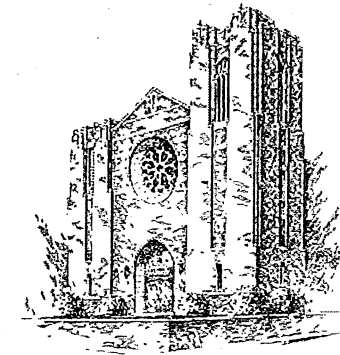
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## First Reformed United Church of Christ



## The Worship of God

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Children's Church

March 15, 2020

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

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Chorus

\*Call to Worship

*"Let Your Spirit Come"*

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Rev. June Grubb

Come to the water, all you who thirst—  
**come drink deeply from the river of life.**

Come to the water, all you who are weary—  
**come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.**

Come to the water, all you who long for justice—  
**come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.**

For God is here among us, washing away the dust and grime of our lives,  
**Pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst. Let's worship God together.**

\*Hymn

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

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\*Invocation

Rev. Grubb

### Centering

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17: 1-7  
(Page #63 in Pew Bible)

Rev. Grubb

A Pouring Confession

Rev. Horton

Let us confess the excuses we have made for not living in the reality of the kingdom of God:

**For our blindness to the needs of others, and our preoccupation with our own agenda, (Pause)**

**For our failure to pay attention to the still, small voice in our lives, for our surrender to fear and self-protection, (Pause)**

**For harsh words spoken to our friends, and love withheld from our enemies, (Pause)**

**For seeking success rather than faithfulness, for praying without acting, (Pause)**

**For our life choices this week that have not contributed to greater love and mercy in the world. (Pause)**

Congregational Response

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord,  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more,  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

Assurance of Pardon  
Young Disciples

All Children and Youth, are invited to join Children's Church  
with Keri Hartle, Keri Lovell and Rev. Susan Morris.

Rev. Horton

\*Hymn  
Prayers of the People  
Special Music

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

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Rev. Horton

"Blessings"

Kelly Greathouse

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

John 4: 5-42  
(Page #969 in Pew Bible)

Rev. Horton

Sermon

"Training for the Body and Soul: Hydrate"

Rev. Horton

Responding

\*Hymn  
Invitation to Receive Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory

"As the Deer Pants for the Water"

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\*Congregational Response

Tune: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Grubb

Sending

\*Call to Dedication

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."

Rev. Grubb

\*Benediction  
\*Choral Benediction  
\*Postlude

Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE PEDESTAL are given by granddaughters Rhonnie and Merle to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Louis and Jacob Calvin Leonard, Jr.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Rev. June Grubb  
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens  
USHERS: Steve Smith (Captain), Vicky Gray, Amy Hedrick, Brian McKelvie, Ted Smith, Claire Smith (Youth Usher)  
PLATE ATTENDANT: John Smith  
ACOLYTE: Ethan Lovell  
GREETERS: Eddie & Belinda Yates  
SOUND TECHNICIAN: John Gray  
BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.  
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown,  
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;

gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1864

HANSON PLACE  
8.7.8.7 with refrain

# 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.  
 ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry,  
 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  
 9.10.9.9.Ref.

# Psalm 42 As the Deer Pants for the Water

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

soul longs af-ter you, you a-lone are my  
 you can sa-tis-fy, you a-lone are the  
 though you are a king, I love you more than

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!

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

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

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

Words: para. Martin Nystrom  
 Music: Martin Nystrom  
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AS THE DEER  
 8 7 8 7 with refrain

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, March 15**  
**9:45AM** Sunday School  
**Adults:** Book Study: "Peaceful Neighbor" Part One  
Leader: Smithie Parrish  
**Youth & Children:** "Peaceful Neighbor"  
Focus on Justice and Peace  
Youth: Jeremy Lovell & Christie Plummer  
Children: Amy Golden & Keri Lovell  
**11:00AM** Worship in the Sanctuary  
3rd Sunday of Lent  
Children's Church  
**Following Worship:** Chili Cook-off

**Monday, March 16**  
**6:30PM** Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

**Tuesday, March 17**  
**10:45AM** Willing Weavers  
**12:00PM** Conversations on Race and Faith {FH}

**Wednesday, March 18**  
**12:00PM** Lenten Service at First UMC  
**6:00PM** Youth Ministry  
**6:30PM** Hand Bells {Bell Room}  
**7:15PM** Choir {Chapel Annex}

**Thursday, March 19**  
**5:15PM** Yoga Class {Dance Studio}  
**7:00PM** Square Dancing {FH}

**Sunday, March 22**  
**9:45AM** Sunday School  
**Adults:** Book Study: "Peaceful Neighbor" Part One  
Leader: Smithie Parrish  
**Youth & Children:** "Peaceful Neighbor"  
Focus on Justice and Peace  
Youth: Jeremy Lovell & Christie Plummer  
Children: Amy Golden & Keri Lovell  
**11:00AM** Worship in the Sanctuary  
4th Sunday of Lent  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
Sheets Dance Academy Dancers  
**3:00PM** Open Hands Ministry Appreciation  
Reception {FH} (by invitation only)

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Stacy Sosebee-West and family upon the death of her father, Rev. Bill Sosebee.

**OUR MEMBERS:**  
Susan Miller, 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  
**Piedmont Crossing:** Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt

**OUR FRIENDS:**  
The family of Hoyle Potts, Bob Sheehan (Eddie Yates' brother-in law), Debra Peterson (mother of Renee Walsh), Amy Burkhart-Smith Dave & Glenyce Fulton's neighbor), Becky Poetzing (Susie Smith's mother), Ken Halik (friend of Michell Winters)

*\*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).*

~MARCH~

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
16th Alane Holste Ron Sink	17th Keith & Alisa Johnson
17th Dan Horton	
20th Ted Smith	

**THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOISY OFFERING**  
**\$293.85 was collected for the Noisy Offering last week! Thank you for your generosity!** This money will benefit Troop 2160's Diaper Drive, the troop's Spring Service Project. Donations go to Family Services, Crisis Ministries, and Open Hands. **You may continue to help by dropping off diapers and wipes in the Narthex through Sunday, March 29. Jianna Miller will collect them each week.**

**WORKING IN THE GARDEN DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Edgar Miller will lead potato planting in the **Community Garden on Sunday, March 29 beginning at 9:45.** The Children and Youth Sunday School classes will help. Any adults who would like to help are welcome, too. Please dress appropriately.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

**WHEN:**  
12:00PM on Wednesdays through April 1

**WHERE:**  
First United Methodist Church  
A light lunch is provided. Any donations will benefit Open Hands Ministry

**SERVICES PROVIDED BY:**  
**March 18**  
Presbyterians  
**March 25**  
Clergy from the Lexington  
Community Minister's Conference  
**April 1**  
Baptists and Hospice

V.G. PRICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

**DUE BY MARCH 31, 2020**

The scholarship is open to any member of First Reformed United Church of Christ, or student from the Lexington City or Davidson County School Systems. **The application and attachments are due MARCH 31st.** The recipient will be chosen by May 1st of his/her senior year in high school. The recipient must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA throughout his/her junior and senior years in high school, demonstrate good citizenship, and be an active member of a church. Scholarship applications are available in the church office.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On March 22nd your bulletin will include an offering envelope for One Great House of Sharing. Your contributions will be an investment in communities world-wide to help provide education to girls and boys, empower communities through vocational training, support microcredit lending and see people through to self-sufficiency, empower families with skills to support themselves and their neighbors, and participate in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all. These are just a few ways your OGHS offering will help God's children. It will also help with disaster relief and refugee initiatives. Help make the world a better place through your giving.

(www.onegreathourofsharing.org)

REMINDER: YOU CAN GIVE ON-LINE

On-line giving is available through our church website. Visit <https://frucc.org> and click on the link at the top of the page titled "ON-LINE GIVING."

REMINDER: PLEASE RETURN DVDS

If you borrow DVDs from the church for Sundays you are unable to attend, please remember to return them to the church office. These are DVD + RW, which means we can use them to record more than once. This helps keep costs down for this ministry. Thank you for your help.

**CHANGE IN PLANS FOR TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE**  
**TDCWL will not occur on April 4 this year.** It is too soon to predict whether this may be a postponement or a cancellation, but everything possible will be done to come up with a plan to provide help for residents of Davidson County so the goal to honor God by helping our neighbors will be fulfilled.

THE CLOTHES CLOSET

**Our Clothes Closet will close temporarily.** We will announce when it reopens. Contact Jerry Lovell with any questions. (336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or plovell53@yahoo.com)

ON-GOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

**FOOD ITEMS FOR CEES BACKPACK PROGRAM:**

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