

# TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THE CHILI COOK-OFF!!!

**Sunday, March 15th after Church**

Come support our youth in this Johns River Valley Camp Fundraiser. Voting for the **BEST CHILI** will be measured in monetary donations. The pot that receives the most money wins a prize and title for **"FIRST REFORMED UCC'S CHILI CHAMPION!"** Please help as you are able. Complete the list below, and return it to the office **by Monday, March 9.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# ATTENDING MEAL \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know if you are planning to attend so we may plan for set up.

(Please check all that apply.) I can help by...

- \_\_\_\_\_ making a **pot of Chili** for the contest  
(Please bring in a Slow-cooker to keep warm)
- \_\_\_\_\_ helping with **set up**
- \_\_\_\_\_ helping with **clean up**
- \_\_\_\_\_ bringing a **dessert**
- \_\_\_\_\_ bringing **Cornbread** or **Crackers**
- \_\_\_\_\_ bringing **Cheese**
- \_\_\_\_\_ bringing **Sour Cream**

**YOU CAN SIGN UP ONLINE THROUGH THE WEEKLY EMAIL**

## 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.)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

### FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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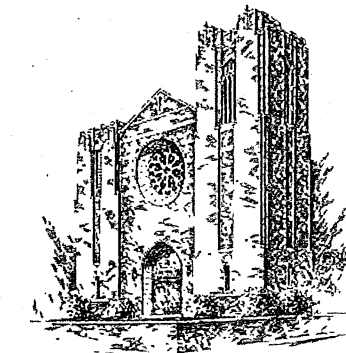
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## First Reformed United Church of Christ



## The Worship of God

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Girl Scout Sunday

March 8, 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

**We are happy to have the Girl Scouts help lead worship this morning.**

ACOLYTE:

Kiara Lewis

BIBLE STEWARD:

Jasmin Cruz

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Chorus

*"Let Your Spirit Come"*

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

\*Call to Worship

Chloe Redfern & Rylee Grzech

We are in the presence of God.

Leave the places you have known and walk with God.

Leave behind thoughts of limitation and imagine.

**But we are secure where we are.**

Ah, but New ways of being in this world are possible for each of us.

**Can't God bless us where we are and as we are?**

If you trust enough to move from the places you have known, you will be blessed.

God is our light and our salvation.

**Lord, we open ourselves to you.**

**Direct our paths and open our hearts and minds,**

In this place, in every place,

**for this time, for all time.**

**Let us worship our God.**

*"Come and Find the Quiet Centre"*

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Rev. Horton

### Centering

Genesis 12: 1-4

(Page #9 in Pew Bible)

Emma McSparin

Scripture Reading

Unison Prayer of Confession

Rev. Horton

**Holy One, who is able to make all things new, we are thankful for the gift of each day being an opportunity to do better, to be better.**

**We ask forgiveness for wanting new life without being willing to die to old ways of being.**

**Forgive us for doubting that new life, rebirth, is possible;  
that we may be born from above.**

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Horton

\*Hymn

"O God, How We Have Wondered"

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

**The Noisy Offering collected today will benefit** Troop 2160's Diaper Drive, the troop's Spring Service Project. Donations go to Family Services, Crisis Ministries, and Open Hands. We invite you to help us purchase diapers and wipes via today's Noisy Offering or to drop off diapers and wipes in the Narthex through Sunday, March 29. Jianna Miller will collect them each week.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Horton

Special Music

"Climbin' Up the Mountain, Children"

Jianna Miller & Alyson McSparin

## Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

John 3: 1-17  
(Page #968 in Pew Bible)

Rev. Horton

Sermon

"Training for the Body and Soul: Time to Reset"

Rev. Horton

## Responding

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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\*Hymn

Invitation to Receive Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*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

Brenda Spencer

## 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."

Christina Grzech

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response in Song

BEACH 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

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 Buddy & Rita Lohr to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bud and Maxine Lohr.

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

**LITURGISTS:** Girl Scouts **PLATE ATTENDANT:** John Smith **SOUND TECHNICIAN:** John Gray

**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens

**USHERS:** Steve Smith (Captain), Vicky Gray, Amy Hedrick, Brian McKerlie, Ted Smith, Claire Smith (Youth Usher)

**GREETERS:** John & Susie Smith

## Come and Find the Quiet Centre

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in 3/4 time. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final chord.

1 Come and find the qui - et cen - tre in the crowd - ed life we lead,  
2 Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain,

find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, face to face,  
let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:

clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,  
there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,

all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, alt. 1989

Music: attrib. Benjamin Franklin White 1844; harm. Ronald A. Nelson 1978

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BEACH SPRING

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# O God, How We Have Wandered

C F C C7 F Cmaj7 F G

1 O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face,  
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
 3 O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

G7 C C7 F C G D7 G

in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
 by faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.  
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.

G7 C C7 F A7 D G

But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,  
 In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic - ing bring,  
 Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

G7 C C7 F C G7 G C

as dis - tant, but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.  
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Words: Kevin Nichols 1980, alt.

Music: Henry T. Smart 1836

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LANCASHIRE

7 6 7 6 D

Alt. tune: Passion Chorale

# What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 2 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

what won - drous love is this, O my soul  
 what won - drous love is this, O my soul  
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing,  
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,

What won - drous love is this, that caused the Lord of  
 What won - drous love is this, that caused the Lord of  
 to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I  
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,  
 life to lay a - side his crown for my soul,  
 Am, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing,  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on,

for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.  
 for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn ca. 1814, French trans. Claude Rozier 1972

Music: American folk hymn 1840, harm. Paul J. Christiansen 1955

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WONDROUS LOVE

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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, March 8

**9:45AM Sunday School**  
**Adults:** Book Study: "Peaceful Neighbor" Part One  
Leader: Mike Hooper

**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**  
2nd Sunday of Lent  
Girl Scout Sunday

**Following Worship:** Consistory

### Monday, March 9

**5:30PM** Clothing Closet {Basement}  
**6:00PM** Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal:  
Women's Life Fellowship  
**6:30PM** Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

### Tuesday, March 10

**10:45AM** Willing Weavers  
**12:00PM** Conversations on Race and Faith {FH}  
**6:00PM** Men's Brotherhood & Women's Life  
Fellowship Meal {FH}  
**7:00PM** Youth Ministry Team Meeting

### Wednesday, March 11

**8:30AM** Staff Meeting {Office}  
**12:00PM** Lenten Service at First UMC  
**6:30PM** Hand Bells {Bell Room}  
**7:15PM** Choir {Chapel Annex}

### Thursday, March 5

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

### 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

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### OUR MEMBERS:

Hoyle Potts (Hinkle Hospice House), 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

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt

### OUR FRIENDS:

\*Debra Peterson (mother of Renee Walsh), \*Amy  
Burkhart-Smith Dave & Glenyce Fulton's neighbor),  
\*Becky Poetzinger (Susie Smith's mother), Ken Halik  
(friend of Michell Winters), Bob Sheehan (Eddie  
Yates' brother-in law), Gina Decelle (friend of  
Renee Walsh), Jack Frank (friend of John Potts &  
Janette Neal), Bobby Conrad (friend of John &  
Susie Smith), Bonnie & Jerry Broh-Khan (Marge  
Doty's sister and brother-in-law)

## ~MARCH~

### BIRTHDAYS

**12th**  
Adam McKelvie

### ANNIVERSARIES

**11th**  
Ron & Heidi Hutcheson

## WELCOME GIRL SCOUTS!

### Girl Scout Troop 2160

#### Sponsored by First Reformed UCC

Kiara Lewis Alyson McSparin  
Emma McSparin Jianna Miller  
Chloe Redfern Brenda Spencer

#### Other Members in Girl Scouts

Jasmin Cruz – Troop 2159  
Christina Grzech – Troop 3743  
Rylee Grzech – Troup 2134

## 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 11

Methodists

#### 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.

## NEW ADULT BOOK STUDY

The Adult Sunday School's book study on Part One of **"Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers"** continues through March with Gennie Lou Byerly, Mike Hooper and Smithie Parrish facilitating discussions. You may join at any time. Part two, **"Peace as More than the Absence of War"** will continue in May after intergenerational activities for Easter and Earth Day in April. Youth and Children's Sunday School will follow the same themes from March through May.

## 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."

## YOUTH MINISTRY GROUP

The Youth (grades 6-12) meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month from 6-7:15PM. The group is led by Rev. Susan Morris. A snack supper is provided at each meeting. All youth in this age group are welcome to attend.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 15:** 3rd Sunday of Lent...Chili Cook-off.  
**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!**

**March 22:** 4th Sunday of Lent

### One Great Hour of Sharing

*"When you invest in One Great Hour of Sharing, you help to plant seeds of new life. Together, we are investing in communities world-wide: providing education to girls and boys, empowering communities through vocational training, supporting microcredit lending and seeing people through to self-sufficiency, empowering families with skills to support themselves and their neighbors, and participating in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all. These are just a few ways the OGHS offering touches God's children, in addition to disaster relief and refugee initiatives. Through your generosity, the world is a better place."*

([www.onegreathoursofsharing.org](http://www.onegreathoursofsharing.org))

## TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

Touching Davidson County with Love is set for Saturday, April 4, 2020. A variety of projects will be scheduled that will suit different skill sets and ability levels. Final projects have not been decided yet. If you have a project you'd like to be considered or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jerry Lovell as soon as possible.

(336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or  
[plovell53@yahoo.com](mailto:plovell53@yahoo.com))

## 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