



First Reformed United Church of Christ

Where People Discover...
The Love of God...
The Power to Love Others...
The Ability to Love Ourselves.

The Worship of God
April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering

“BOLD” indicates congregational response

Please let us know if you joined our worship service on YouTube by commenting on our Facebook page.

- Prelude "Processional with Fanfares" Robert Wilson
(Henry Purcell)
- Welcome Rev. Elizabeth Horton
- Call to Worship Travis White & Renee Walsh
- Sing a new song, "Christ is risen!"
Christ is risen indeed!
Sing praise to our joyful, Easter God
whose power brings new life out of death!
Though we find ourselves isolated within our homes and apart from the world
yet, if we listen, we will hear the birds singing, reminding us that the whole creating rejoices in the love of our God.
Though we cannot reach out and touch our friends and neighbors,
let us still rejoice that Jesus is in our midst holding out hands of grace and hope to us!
Though we have to stand at a safe distance from others whispering hello through our masks,
we know that the spirit is all around us, breathing peace on us in these moments, surrounding us with hope and love.
Let us sing a new song!
- Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves, Excelling" Ellen Peterson &
Robert Wilson
- Opening Prayer Rev. Horton

Centering

- Call to Confession Stacy Sosebee-West
- Hear the echoes of our locked hearts, O God. We isolate ourselves from the struggles of the world and wonder if we will ever find our way back. Even in these moments, we could do more for others, but we multiply their sorrows when we focus more on ourselves and our own needs. We see the ones that are risking their lives to care for those they don't even know, and yet we grumble about what more needs to be done. Have mercy on us, God whose Breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our fears and doubts, to stand in our midst, offering us that grace which can heal us, that hope which can enliven us, and that faith which enables us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**
- Assurance of Pardon Rev. Horton
- Hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" Ellen Peterson &
Robert Wilson
- Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer Rev. 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**

Proclaiming

Scripture

John 20: 19-31

Rev. Horton

Sermon

"*Passing the Peace*"

Responding

Call to Offering

Offertory Prayer

Patti Lovell

Hymn

"*Peace I Leave with You, My Friend*"

Ellen Peterson &
Robert Wilson

Sending

Benediction

Rev. Horton

Postlude

"*Variations on Jesus Shall Reign*"
(Hal H. Hopson)

Robert Wilson

Join our "**Fellowship and Prayer Concerns**" **Zoom Chat** on Sundays after worship from 12-12:30pm and catch up with your church friends! Follow this Link: **[After Worship Zoom Chat](#)** (If you are using a smart phone, please download the **Zoom app** prior.)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

- April 19:** **Second Sunday of Easter**
11:00AM Worship online via YouTube
12:00PM Fellowship & Prayers Concerns via Zoom Chat
- April 21:**
1:00PM Story time with Rev. Horton via Facebook Live
- April 23:**
1:00PM Story time with Rev. Horton via Facebook Live
- April 26:** **Earth Sunday**
11:00AM Worship online via YouTube
12:00PM Fellowship & Prayers Concerns via Zoom Chat

~APRIL~

BIRTHDAYS

- 20th**
Cynthia Crowell Little
- 22nd**
Nadia Freeman
- 24th**
Becca McKerlie

ANNIVERSARIES

- 21st**
Casey & Keri Hartle
- 22nd**
Edgar & Kivi Miller

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

Kelly Greathouse, Sherry Bonner, Susan Miller, Bill Walser

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, 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:

*Betty Kepley (Jonathan Kepley's great-grandmother), April, Joey & Noland Ray Hamilton (friends of Jay & Cathy Whitley), Julie Hackworth (John Maze's niece), Suzanne Fritts Stevens (Lisa Nelson's cousin), Frances Garner (Kathleen Danze's neighbor), Renee Sink (sister-in law of Lindsay Sink and Sherry Bonner), Farel Hunt (Carolyn Yocum's brother), The Family of Rev. Bill Sosebee, Bob Sheehan (Eddie Yates' brother-in law), Becky Poetzinger (Susie Smith's mother)

**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).*