



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

May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gathering

“BOLD” indicates congregational response

Please let us know if you joined our worship service on YouTube or Facebook with comments on our Facebook page.

Prelude "Organ Piece in G Major" Robert Wilson
[Adolph Hesse]

Welcome and Invitation to Worship Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Hymn "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" Ellen Peterson

Invocation Rev. Horton

A Moment for Mothers
Mother's Day Prayer

Passing of the Peace
Turn to those around you, text or call someone who needs to hear these words, "May the peace of Christ be with you!"

Centering

Gospel Reading John 14: 1-6 [NRSV]
"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.' 5 Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' 6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'"

Hymn "Be Still My Soul" Carolyn Robbins

Prayers for the People Rev. Horton

Proclaiming

New Testament Reading Acts 7:55-60 (NRSV)
"55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' 60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died."

Sermon "Be the Church: Tell the Story"

Responding

Hymn "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Ellen Peterson

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

"Variations on a Theme by Beethoven [Hymn to Joy]"
[Joseph Lowe]

Robert Wilson

Join our "**Fellowship & Prayer Concerns**" Zoom Chat
after worship from 12-12:30pm and catch up with your church friends!

Follow this Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/207685007?pwd=SIBsZzhlbkEwUFJwb0IEaWFXbWJNQ09>

Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Password: 3n7IX8

(If you are using a smart phone, please download the **Zoom app** prior.)

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Sunday, May 17: Holy Communion

We will celebrate Holy Communion together next Sunday. Please prepare for communion at home by gathering elements you have on hand that would be meaningful to you to act as the bread and the cup.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 10: **Fifth Sunday of Easter...Mother's Day**
11:00AM Worship online **via YouTube and Facebook**
12:00PM Fellowship & Prayers Concerns **via Zoom**

May 11:
1:00PM Story time with Rev. Horton **via Facebook Live**
6:00PM **Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal:**
 Adult Sunday School Class & Morning Glory Circle
7:00PM Mr. Roger's Peaceful Neighbor study **via Zoom**
<https://zoom.us/j/97395879041?pwd=UWM0QUdNVitfL3UyVkxDMlhuNE5GQT09>
Meeting ID: 973 9587 9041 **Password:** 8VXFAT

7:00PM Youth Ministry Team meeting **via Zoom**

May 14:
1:00PM Story time with Rev. Horton **via Facebook Live**

May 17: **Sixth Sunday of Easter...Holy Communion at home**
11:00AM Worship online **via YouTube and Facebook**
12:00PM Fellowship & Prayers Concerns **via Zoom**
12: 30PM **TBD Consistory Meeting via Zoom**

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BIRTHDAYS

12th
Sloan Gray

15th
Ellen Bouchard

17th
Devin Odom
Susan Odom
Ashley Potts

ANNIVERSARIES

14th
James & Alice Gray

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS: Aurelia Smith, Pattie Everhart, Jeff Hutchens, Kelly Greathouse, Susan Miller, Bill Walsler

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES: Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Katherine Skipper, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Marguerite Leonard is in a Skilled Nursing unit at Piedmont Crossing currently for a couple weeks. She can receive mail and phone calls. 100 Hedrick Drive, Room 421, Thomasville, NC 27360, Room phone number is (336) 474-8776.

OUR FRIENDS: *Michael R. Owen (Bill & Carolyn Robbins' daughter), *Angie Bouchard (Lee and Ellen's youngest daughter), Family and Friends of Hunter Robinson (friends of Lee & Ellen Bouchard), *Teri Ungerer and Rose Bouchonville (John Maze's sisters), The Family of Bruce Yarbrough (Mike Brown's uncle), Max Smith (Lynn Klopp's father), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Aaron Trammell (the son of Jay Whitley's best friend) and all those everywhere who are on the front lines dealing with COVID-19, 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), Renee Sink (sister-in law of Lindsay Sink and Sherry Bonner), Bob Sheehan (Eddie Yates' brother-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).*