



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 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion

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	<i>“Prelude in G Minor”</i> [Johann Sebastian Bach]	Robert Wilson
Welcome and Invitation to Worship		Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Hymn	<i>“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”</i>	Ellen Peterson
Invocation		Rev. Mike Hooper

Centering

Gospel Reading	John 14:15-21	Brian McKlerie
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“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Prayer of Confession		Rev. Horton
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Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and 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!”*

Proclaiming

New Testament Reading	Acts 17: 22-31	Rev. Horton
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Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would

live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Sermon

"Be the Church: Share the Good News"

Lighting the Christ Candle

Service of Holy Communion

Gather bread and cup that are meaningful to you and join us.

Special Music

"Come to the Table of Mercy"

Robert Wilson

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Intercessory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Responding

Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

John Maze

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

"Fanfare and Trumpeting"
[David Paxton]

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=SIBsZzhlbkEwUFJwb0lEaWFXbWJNQT09>

Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Password: 3n7IX8

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter...Holy Communion at home

Please prepare for communion by gathering elements you have on hand that would be meaningful to you to act as the bread and the cup.

11:00AM Worship online **via YouTube and Facebook**

12:00PM Fellowship & Prayers Concerns **via Zoom**

1:30PM Consistory Meeting **via Zoom**

May 19:

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

7:00PM Mr. Roger's Peaceful Neighbor study **via Zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/97395879041?pwd=UWM0QUdNVitfL3UyVkxDMihuNE5GQT09>

Meeting ID: 973 9587 9041 **Password:** 8VXFAT

May 20:

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

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

May 24: Ascension Sunday

11:00AM Worship online **via YouTube and Facebook**

12:00PM Fellowship & Prayer Concerns **via Zoom**

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BIRTHDAYS

17th

Devin Odom

Susan Odom

Ashley Potts

ANNIVERSARIES

19th

Jerry & Patti Lovell

20th

Dan & Elizabeth Horton

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Lynn Klopp and family upon the death of her father, Max Smith.

OUR MEMBERS:

Aurelia Smith, Jeff Hutchens, Kelly Greathouse, Susan Miller, Bill Walser

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Pattie Everhart is currently with her daughter. She can receive mail c/o Linda Shoaf, 245 Mesa Drive, Denton, NC 27239

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), 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), 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).*