



## 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 24, 2020  
Ascension Sunday

### 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	"Rondeau" [Jean-Joseph Mauret]	Robert Wilson
Welcome and Invitation to Worship		Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Invocation		Rev. Susan Morris
Hymn	"God of Grace and God of Glory"	Ellen Peterson

### Centering

New Testament Reading	Ephesians 15-23	John Gray
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"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."

Passing 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!"*

Prayers of the People

Special Music	"The Lord's Prayer"	Mike Price
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### Proclaiming

New Testament Reading	Acts 1:6-14	Rev. Horton
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"So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and

Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers."

Sermon

"Be the Church: Wait Prayerfully"

## Responding

Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

Walter Hoffman

Invitation to Give

Rev. Horton

## Sending

Benediction

Postlude

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"  
[Mary McDonald]

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=SIBsZzhlbkEwUFJwb0lEaWFXbWJNQTO9>

**Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Password: 3n7IX8**

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

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **May 24: Ascension Sunday**

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

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

### **May 25: MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY...Church Office Closed**

### **May 26:**

**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=UWM0QUdNVitlL3UyVWxDMlhuNE5GQT09>

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

### **May 27:**

**2:30-7:00PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** (Fellowship Hall)

**There is an urgent need for blood** at this time, so if you are able to help please sign up for a time to give. **EXTRA SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE IN PLACE.** Contact Betty Barr at barrpilotcar@gmail.com or 336-239-5001 or just stop by between 2:30 and 7:00 at your convenience

### **May 28:**

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

### **May 30:**

**10:00AM Rev. Susan Morris meets with children via Zoom**

(Rev. Susan will send information to parents to connect to this meeting.)

### **May 31: Pentecost Sunday**

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

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

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### **BIRTHDAYS**

**28<sup>th</sup>**

Patrick Horton

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**28<sup>th</sup>**

Ben Hale & John Maze  
Jay & Cathy Whitley

**ADULT BIBLE STUDAY TO BEGIN JUNE 7:** Rev. Susan Morris will lead a weekly bible study on the book of Genesis beginning the first Sunday in June. **If you would like to join in on this Bible study please let Rev. Susan know. Her email is Revsuemo@gmail.com.**

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Renee Walsh and family upon the death of her aunt, Sandra Church.

We offer Sympathy to and share in Christian Hope with Jan Smith and family on the loss of her husband, Steve Myers.

### **OUR MEMBERS:**

\*Deanna Michael, 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 Crotts, 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

**OUR FRIENDS:** \*Grayson Beck (Grandson of Clifton & Harriette Murphy), \* Rob and Betty Kepley (Jonathan Kepley's great-grandparents), Michael R. Owen (Bill & Carolyn Robbins' daughter), Angie Bouchard (Lee and Ellen's youngest daughter), 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, 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).*