



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

June 21, 2020
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day

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	"Trumpet Tune in D" [David German]	Robert Wilson
Welcome and Invitation to Worship		Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Hymn	"Faith of Our Fathers"	Mike Price
Invocation		
Father's Day Prayer		

Centering

Prayer of Confession		Alane Holste
God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, God of Hagar and Ishmael, who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins. We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross and revealed your eternal self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.		

Declaration of Forgiveness	Romans 6:1-11	Rev. Horton
What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.		

Passing the Peace *Please extend the peace of Christ to those around you.*

Proclaiming

Old Testament Reading	Genesis 21: 8-21
The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.	
But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to	

Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-Sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Sermon

"Create and Connect: From Pain to Promise"

Responding

Invitation to Give

Rev. Horton

Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Ellen Peterson & Carolyn Robbins

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

"Nun Danket alle Gott"
[Wayne Kerr]

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

~JUNE~

June 21: Father's Day

9:45AM Adult Bible Study on Genesis led by Rev. Susan Morris **via Zoom**

Join the Meeting at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87135993948?pwd=TWo2UXVwclhyZXJncWFvNEh6djkvdz0>

Meeting ID: 871 3599 3948 Password: 418121

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

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

June 23:

12:00PM 2CFAR: Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race
Every week on Tuesday until July 21, 2020 via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87341918684?pwd=N1pCSno2Tlp4bDdOREfoVGIsLzdGUT0>

Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 Password: 222495

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

<https://zoom.us/j/97395879041?pwd=UWM0QUdNVitfL3UyVWxDMlhuNE5GQT09>

Meeting ID: 973 9587 9041 Password: 8VXFAT

June 25: 63rd Anniversary of the United Church of Christ

12:00PM July Newsletter Articles due to office

June 28:

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7:00PM **Prayer Vigil: A Call to End Racism** on the grounds of St. Stephen UMC

UPCOMING EVENT:

July 1:

7:00PM **Patriotic Hymns & History** with our organist, Robert Wilson, via YouTube & Facebook

BIRTHDAYS

21st

John Gray

22nd

Peggy Bates

25th

Scott Gray

Alisa Johnson

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

Jeff Hutchens (receiving chemo), Deanna Michael, Aurelia Smith, Kelly Greathouse, Susan Miller, Bill Walser

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Pattie 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: Family of Mike Murphy (friend of Jay & Cathy Whitley); Ronnie Hartzog (Glenyce Fulton's brother), Grayson Beck (Grandson of Clifton & Harriette Murphy), Angie Bouchard (Lee and Ellen Bouchard's youngest daughter)

**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).*