



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 28, 2020
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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 "Be Still My Soul" Robert Wilson
[Franklin Ritter]

Welcome and Invitation to Worship Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Invocation Rev. June Grubb

O Holy and Abundant Creator of all life, God of all that changes and all that continues, God of all beginnings and all endings and all transitions, God of all the confusion and surprise and anticipation that is the human journey, we give you thanks as we gather in worship this morning.

For your presence in the creation of all things wonderful and amazing on this planet, we give you thanks. For your ongoing presence in the daily-ness of our lives, we give you thanks. For your presence in all that we hope and vision for the coming of your day, we give you thanks.

As we sense your abundant gifts in our lives, we continue to explore the emptiness we often feel. Despite our privileged lives we want for something more. Despite assurances that You, O Holy One, accept us as we are, we sometimes feel guilty and inadequate. Despite all that is meant to make us comfortable, we are well acquainted with discomfort and restlessness.

During this time of worship break into our lives in new ways, O God. Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to hear your words of promise; that you shelter us amidst our distress; you provide us a haven of security and rest. You bring comfort to those with affliction and hear the pleas of the persecuted. You cause your mercy to flow like living water; your loving kindness stretches to the ends of the earth.

We come in praise for all your goodness and lift our voices with thanks for your care. Amen.

Hymn "God Will Take Care of You" Ellen Peterson

Centering

New Testament Reading Matthew 10:38-42 Cathy Waitman

Jesus said, whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Call to Confession Chris and Raeann Allred

Prayer of Confession

God of all, you call us into obedience to the ways of life and holiness,
To honor your image in all whom we meet.

When we ration your welcome to a very few:

Lord have mercy.

God of abundance, you call us to stop clinging to things,

To trust in your goodness to provide all we need.
When we grasp and hoard and do not share even a cup of cold water,

Christ have mercy.

God of hope, you call us to imagine a future "kin-dom" where all find a place at the table,
A safe and joyful welcome to neighbors, children, creation.

When we stop short of your vision of your world of mercy and justice for all,

Lord have mercy.

Forgive us, and turn us around. Remind us that as we welcome others, so we also welcome you.
Give us the strength to be willing to take up whatever task you give us, and the faith to be willing
to lose our lives for others, so we might find life forever with you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord
and Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Horton

Passing the peace -- May the peace of Christ be with you.

Psalms 13

Jeremy Peterson

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall
my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my
eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will
rejoice because I am shaken. But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your
salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Horton

Proclaiming

Scripture

Genesis 22: 1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and
offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with
him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place
in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the
place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I
will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the
wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the
knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And
he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for
a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my
son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had
shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac,
and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took
the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he
said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I
know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And
Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took
the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place
"The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Sermon

"Create and Connect: Will God Provide?"

Responding

Invitation to Give

Rev. Horton

Hymn

"Take My Life"

Ellen Peterson

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

"The Trumpeter"
[Craig A. Penfield]

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=SIBsZzhlbkEwUFJwb0lEaWFXbWJNQOT09>

Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Password: 3n7IX8

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

June 28:

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=TWo2UXVwclhyZXJncWFvNEh6djkvdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3599 3948 Password: 418121

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

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

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

June 30:

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=N1pCSno2Tlp4bDdOREtoVGIsLzdGUT09>

Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 Password: 222495

July 1:

6:00PM Youth Ministry via Zoom

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

July 2:

6:30PM Kids Adventure Time via Zoom

July 5:

9:45AM Adult Book Study:

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism,

written by Dr. Robin DiAngelo. Order your copy wherever books are sold. Please ask Rev. June (jgrubb3@triad.rr.com) or Stacy (sosebeewest@hotmail.com) if you need assistance.

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~JUNE~

BIRTHDAYS

28th

June Grubb
Ron Hutcheson

~JULY~

BIRTHDAYS

1st

Keri Hartle

2nd

Raeann Allred
Brad Robertson

3rd

Marguerite Leonard

5th

Paula Lopp

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

Jeff Hutchens, 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: 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).*