First Reformed United Church of Christ



Where People Discover... The Love of God... The Power to Love Others... The Ability to Love Ourselves.

Gathering

"BOLD" indicates congregational response

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Image: Marc Chagall, <u>Jacob's Dream</u>, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

Prelude

"Come Christians, Join to Sing" [Wayne Kerr]

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

Hymn

Invocation

"Surely the Presence" Members of First Reformed UCC Choir

Rev. Dr. Lee Jessup

Dave Fulton

Centering

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:12-21

(from The Message)

Don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike, "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Robert Wilson

are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

"Since we have been justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." May the peace of Christ be with you.

Blessing the Prayer Shawls

First Reformed United Church of Christ Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayers are thrown across your shoulders over and over as you wear this shawl. They were woven in as yarn was thrown over needles, over and over as it was handmade. May you rest enfolded in the soft grace of this continuous thread, interlocking you with all goodness and love.

When you wear your shawl, you are connected with many people throughout the world. May you be blessed by the shawl you receive and may you extend that blessing to those you love.

Proclaiming

Genesis 28: 10-19

Rev. Horton

Scripture Reading

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

"Create and Connect: Between A Rock and A Hard Place"

Responding

Hymn Invitation to Give "How Firm a Foundation"

Ellen Peterson Rev. Horton

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon

"When We All Get to Heaven" [Diane Bish] **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: <u>https://us04web.zoom.us/j/207685007?pwd=SIBsZzhIbkEwUFJwb0IEaWFXbWJNQT09</u> Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Password: 3n7IX8

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

	WEINER CALINDAN
<u>July 19:</u> 9:45AM	Adult Bible Study on Genesis led by Rev. Susan Morris via Zoom In the study guide book: Chapter 6; Daily reading: Genesis 27: 1-40; Genesis 27: 41-28:22; Genesis 29:1- 30; Genesis 29:31-30:43; and Genesis 31. 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 https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHfZFOjObXH bR8E-UG gTA and Facebook https://business.facebook.com/firstreformeducc/?business.id=2072161336442719
12:00PM	Fellowship & Prayer Concerns via Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/207685007?pwd=SIBsZzhIbkEwUFJwb0IEaWFXbWJNQT09 Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Password: 3n7IX8
<u>July 21:</u> 12:00PM	2CFAR: Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87341918684?pwd=N1pCSno2Tlp4bDdOREtoVGIsLzdGUT09 Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 Password: 222495
7:00PM	Adult Book Study: White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism
	Join the Meeting at: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/i/85927010393?pwd=YWVXLzRkSzYzY2FSV1pMbjFTdzJ6Zz09</u> Meeting ID: 859 2701 0393 Password: 7x6nQw
<u>July 22:</u> 6:00PM	Middle School Youth Group via Zoom
<u>July 24:</u> 12:00PM	August Newsletter Articles due in the office (carolyn@frucc.org)
<u>July 26:</u> 9:45AM	Adult Bible Study on Genesis led by Rev. Susan Morris via Zoom In the study guide book: Chapter 7; Daily reading: Genesis 32; Genesis 33; Genesis 34; Genesis 35; 1- 15; and Genesis 35:16-36:43 Join the Meeting at: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/i/87135993948?pwd=TWo2UXVwclhyZXJncWFvNEh6djkvdz09</u> Meeting ID: 871 3599 3948 Password: 418121
11: 00AM	Worship online via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHfZFOjObXH_bR8E-UG_gTA and Facebook https://business.facebook.com/firstreformeducc/?business_id=2072161336442719
12:00PM	Fellowship & Prayer Concerns via Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/207685007?pwd=SIBsZzhIbkEwUFJwb0IEaWFXbWJNQT09 Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Password: 3n7IX8
7:00PM	Prayer Vigil: A Call to End Racism at Shadyside Presbyterian Church

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Bill Walser, *Rev. June Grubb, *Sherri Bonner, *Patti Lovell, Jeff Hutchens, Deanna Michael, Aurelia Smith, Kelly Greathouse, Susan Miller

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

*Margot Everhart, Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, Ruth Essick, 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: Ashley Thomason Hutcheson (Heidi and Ron Hutcheson's daughter-in-law), 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).

~JULY CELEBRATIONS~

BIRTHDAYS

20th

Jasmin Cruz

21st Jeremy Peterson

Michell Winters

23rd

Joe Browder Annabell Callicutt

24th Mary Lloyd Callicutt

> **25th** Melody Evans