



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

August 30, 2020
Holy Communion
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

"BOLD" indicates congregational response

Prelude	"O Divine Redeemer" [Charles Gounod]	Robert Wilson
Welcome and Invitation to Worship		Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Opening Prayer		Rev. June Grubb
Hymn	"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"	Ellen Peterson

Centering

New Testament Reading	Romans 13: 8-14	Clifton Murphy
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Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Prayer of Confession

**Dear God,
Forgive us for not showing love to our neighbor.
Deliver us from our selfish and vain desires.
Forgive us from our irresponsible behaviors, quarrelling, and our jealousy.
Forgive us for the ways in which we hurt others.
Teach us how to forgive and show mercy, even when it feels really hard to do.
Make us ready to go where you lead us. Amen.
For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

Assurance of Forgiveness		Rev. Horton
Passing of the Peace of Christ	"May the peace of Christ be with you."	
Hymn	"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (Members of First Reformed UCC Choir)	

Proclaiming

Gospel Reading	Matthew 18: 15-20	Rev. Horton
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If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in

heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Sermon **“Building the Church One Rock at a Time: Upon the Rock of Reconciliation”**

Responding

Service of Holy Communion

Rev. Horton

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

Invitation to the table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up unto to the Lord

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Special Music

“Church Is More than Just a Building”

Ellen Peterson

We're the church in the path we follow, showing care to those in pain.
In the midst of fear and sorrow, we're the church and here we'll remain,
Seeking justice, showing kindness, singing praises in all that we do.
Church is more than just a building. It's our work toward a world made new.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

"The Rejoicing"
[Arr. Hal H. Hopson]

Robert Wilson

Join our **“Fellowship & Prayer Concerns” Zoom Chat [HERE](#)**
after worship from 12-12:30pm and catch up with your church friends!
(Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Password: 3n7IX8)

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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Kelly Greathouse, Jasmin Cruz, Margot Everhart, Lisa Price, Patti Lovell, Jeff Hutchens, Deanna Michael

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, 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:

*Barbara Miller (Eddie Yates' mother), *Vernon Powell (Eulene Shepherd's nephew-in-law), *Elania & Nora Koontz and Hutson & Grayson East (cousins and friends of Harriette & Clifton Murphy), Buddy Hedrick (Frankie Hedrick's husband), Wayne Beck (Grayson Beck's grandfather), Ben & Anna Lovell and their parents (Jerry and Patti's nephew, his wife), Jonelle Parker (friend of Frank Leonard), 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).**

~SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS~

BIRTHDAYS

8th ...Alyson Cruz

10th ...Eddie Miller

11th ...Doug Sink

12th ...Lee Jessup

WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 6: Holy Communion Sunday

10:45AM Worship online via YouTube [HERE](#) and Facebook [HERE](#).
Gather bread and juice and join us for Holy Communion during our morning worship

12:00PM Join us [HERE](#) for Fellowship & Prayer Concerns via Zoom (Meeting ID: 207 685 007 & Password: 3n7IX8)

September 7: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

September 8:

12:00PM 2CFAR: Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race via Zoom. Join the meeting [HERE](#).
(Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 & Password: 222495)

September 9:

5:30PM Middle School Youth Meeting via Zoom. Join the meeting [HERE](#).

September 12:

10:00AM Kids' Adventure Time via Zoom. Join the meeting [HERE](#).

September 13:

10:45AM Worship online via YouTube [HERE](#) and Facebook [HERE](#).

12:00PM Join us [HERE](#) for Fellowship & Prayer Concerns via Zoom (Meeting ID: 207 685 007 & Password: 3n7IX8)

1:00PM Consistory Meeting via zoom [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 823 2081 0024)

UPCOMING WEEK

September 14:

6:00PM Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal

7:00PM Children's Ministry Team Meeting (Method of meeting to be determined)

September 15:

12:00PM 2CFAR: Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race via Zoom. Join the meeting [HERE](#).
(Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 & Password: 222495)

7:00PM Adult Book Study
Continuing discussion on "*White Fragility*". (Information for meeting will be available next week.)

September 16:

5:30PM High School Youth Meeting via Zoom. Join the meeting [HERE](#).