



## 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

October 11, 2020  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

**"BOLD"** indicates congregational response

Prelude	"The Happy Trumpeter" [C. Penfield]	Robert Wilson
Welcome and Invitation to Worship		Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Opening Prayer	Based on Philippians 4	Alice Gray
Gracious God, When the noise of the world is turned up high, we come before you, not to escape, but to seek wisdom, and to focus on things that are worthy. Dial down the distractions in our minds. Tune our senses to your word and our hearts to your praise. In your holy name we pray. Amen.		
Hymn	"How Can I Keep from Singing"	Ellen Peterson

### Centering

Old Testament Reading	Exodus 32:1-14	Paula Lopp
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When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Prayer of Confession	Based on Exodus	Rev. Horton
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**Like the people in the wilderness, we create for ourselves idols and worship them,  
only to discover their shallowness and emptiness for our lives.  
And we wonder what went wrong.**

**Stop us in our tracks, O Lord.  
Help us to be open to your will for our lives.  
We know what you want us to do.  
Give us the persistence and the courage to do your will.  
Heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes.  
Remind us that we must reach out to others in compassion and peace.  
Merciful God, come to us this day with your healing power  
and help us again to be your disciples, offering hope and peace to your hurting and wounded world.  
In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon and Passing the Peace

A Story of Faith and Hope

"Pressing On"

Patti Lovell

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Horton

Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Walter Hoffman

## Proclaiming

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4: 1-9

Rev. Horton

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon

**"Press On in Joy"**

## Sending

Invitation to Serve

Rev. Horton

Benediction

Postlude

"Arrangement of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
[Victor Labenske]

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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## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

12<sup>th</sup> ...Bill Robbins

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### OUR MEMBERS:

\*Susan Odom, \*Ellen Bouchard, Kelly Greathouse, John Potts, Charm Ketner, 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:

Keri Lovell and Family (on the loss of her grandmother, Pat Collins), M.C. Hinkle (Ben Hale's uncle), Barbara Miller (Eddie Yates' mother), Buddy Hedrick (Frankie Hedrick's husband), 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 call the church office (336-248-2617).*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### October 11:

**9:30AM** **Adult Bible Study: Exodus via Zoom. Join the meeting [HERE](#).**  
(Meeting ID: 899 1141 8582 Passcode: 793724)

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

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

**12:30PM** **Virtual Congregational Budget Meeting via Zoom**  
**Please plan to attend to discuss and/or vote on the 2021 Budget.**  
Join Zoom Meeting using the following link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83582905525?pwd=dEtdHhxei9WL2o0aGxBNjFQOTR0Zz09>  
(Meeting ID: 835 8290 5525 Passcode: 838169)  
**Dial in by phone +1 929 205 6099**  
(Meeting ID: 835 8290 5525 Passcode: 838169)

### October 12:

**NOON** **DEADLINE FOR 2021 BUDGET VOTING**

### October 13:

**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 Education Meeting: New Book Study begins on "Evangelicals" via Zoom**  
Join the meeting using the link below.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83691735429?pwd=R3c5L1JBUVI2SGNyeXVqZWpQdXBsZz09>  
Meeting ID: 836 9173 5429 Passcode: 262712 Dial in by phone +1 929 205 6099

**October 14:****12:00PM**      **Wednesday Worship**

Sign up [HERE](#) to reserve your space.

**5:30PM**      **Middle School Youth Meeting via Zoom. You may join the meeting [HERE](#).**  
(Meeting ID: 826 0087 0645)

**7:00PM**      **Prayer Worship Service**

Sign up [HERE](#) to reserve your space.

**October 16-17:      Virtual Annual Gathering for Southern Conference and WNCA****October 18:      CHILDREN'S SABBATH**

**9:30AM**      **Adult Bible Study: Exodus via Zoom. Join the meeting [HERE](#).**  
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**10:45AM**      **Worship online via YouTube [HERE](#) or Facebook [HERE](#).**  
**NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING COLLECTION**

**12:00PM**      **Join us [HERE](#) for Fellowship & Prayer Concerns via Zoom**  
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**SPECIAL EVENTS****Wednesdays in October**

**12:00PM & 7:00PM**      **Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary**  
Sign up [HERE](#) to reserve your space.

**October 30**

**6 – 7:00PM**      **Youth and Children Halloween Treat (church parking lot)**

**November 1:**

**HOMECOMING SUNDAY**

**November 29:**

**First Sunday in Advent**