



**HOLY COMMUNION  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
God Meets Us: In Our Anger**

*This Lent, even as we may be  
broken and bitter,  
shattered and separated,  
parched and pulled apart,  
God meets us, seeking to restore, repair, renew.*

***We celebrate Holy Communion today. Please gather your bread and cup.***

Prelude	<i>"And Can It Be"</i> By Thomas Campbell/arr. Mark Hayes	Ashley Clasen
Welcome		Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Call to a Holy Lent	<i>"You Lead Us Through"</i>	Ellen Peterson
Opening Prayer		Rev. Horton
Hymn	<i>"How Firm a Foundation"</i>	Ellen Peterson
Scripture Reading	Exodus 20:1-17	Eddie Yates

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Special Music "How Great Thou Art?" Ellen Peterson

Gospel Reading John 2:13-22 Rev. Horton

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Ellen Peterson

Sermon "God Meets Us: In our Anger" Rev. Horton

Holy Communion  
Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Receiving the Bread and Cup  
Prayer

Benediction

Postlude "My Tribute" Ashley Clasen  
By Andrae Crouch/arr. Marilyn Thompson

Join our **Fellowship & Prayer Concerns** after worship from 12-12:30PM and catch up with your church friends! **Join Zoom Meeting [HERE](#) (Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Passcode: 3n7IX8 Dial in: +1 301 715 8592)**

## MARCH CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

12<sup>th</sup> ...Adam McKerlie

### ANNIVERSARIES

11<sup>th</sup> ...Ron & Heidi Hutcheson

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## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### OUR MEMBERS:

\*Katherine Skipper, Heidi Hutcheson (recovering from surgery at home), Merle and Jerry Hodges, Susan Odom (at home), Lisa Price, Deanna Michael

### OUR MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

**Brookdale:** Vogen Everhart

### OUR FRIENDS:

\*Nicole Holste (Alane Holste's sister-in-law), Wendi Greene (Bill Robbins' sister), Ashley Thomason Hutcheson (Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's daughter-in-law), Barbara Miller (Eddie Yates' mother)

*\*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).*

## CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, March 7: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT and HOLY COMMUNION**

**9:45AM Adult Sunday School: REND YOUR HEARTS: CLAIMING THE PROMISE**

“All These Words” (Eulene Shepherd, facilitator)

Exodus 20:1-7

Join the meeting [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119)

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

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

Zoom Meeting [HERE](#) (Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Passcode: 3n7IX8 Dial in: +1 301 715 8592)

**1:00PM Consistory Meeting via Zoom**

### **MONDAY, March 8:**

**6:00PM Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal** (Women's Life Fellowship)

### **TUESDAY, March 9:**

**12:00PM 2CFAR meeting via ZOOM**

Join Zoom Meeting [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 Passcode: 222495)

**7:00PM Adult Book Study Group**

“Who Will Be A Witness? Integrating Activism for God's Justice” by Drew G. I. Hart

Join the meeting [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 846 9163 5471 Passcode: 524570)

### **THURSDAY, March 11:**

**7:00PM Parent Meeting via Zoom**

### **SATURDAY, March 13:**

**12:30PM Open Hands Ministry Carry-Out Lunch Served**

### **SUNDAY, March 14: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT and GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**

**9:45AM Adult Sunday School: REND YOUR HEARTS: CLAIMING THE PROMISE**

“Look Up and Live” (Eddie Yates, facilitator)

Numbers 21:4-9

Join the meeting [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119)

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# FIRST REFORMED UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LOOKING TOWARD SUNDAY: A MESSAGE FROM REV. HORTON

Dear friends,

What makes you angry? Over the past year, we have seen and perhaps felt incredible amounts of anger in the life of our country and community. This Sunday we read John 2: 12-22 and take a look at how God meets us in about anger.

March 7

Lent 3: In our Anger, **John 2:13-22**

March 14

In our Doubt, **John 3:14-21**

March 21

In our Confusion, **John 12:20-33**

March 28

In the Palms and Passion

May we enter a Holy Lent together,  
Elizabeth

## OPEN HANDS SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY

Open Hands Ministry and First Reformed UCC have started a new lunch program. We serve a carry-out lunch at 12:30 on Saturdays out of our Fellowship Hall kitchen. Volunteer or come for a carry-out meal for this Saturday Lunch. Contact John Maze if you would like to help. (704-524-6462)

## LENT 2021: OUR WILDERNESS STORIES

The season of Lent began with Jesus in the Wilderness, where he faced tremendous struggle. We all have found ourselves in the wilderness at various points in our lives. What gave you a sense of hope or renewal? Who helped lift you up?

Would you be willing to share your own experience of the wilderness in our online worship service during Lent? If so, please let me know at [elizabeth@frucc.org](mailto:elizabeth@frucc.org). Sharing our stories is a powerful ministry that reminds us we are not alone.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

### “REND YOUR HEARTS: CLAIMING THE PROMISE”

So, why practice the season of Lent? Maybe there is more to Lent than the suffering that we have endured during the past months of physical distancing and pandemic lock-down? Maybe there is more than the reflection and analysis that we are prone to do during the Season of Lent. So, what is the end of this season? Why do we have this period of preparation, of fasting, and self-denial, of repentance and confession, of putting our spiritual house in order?

Lent is about embracing the Resurrected One with a whole and longing heart. Lent doesn't have to be a somber time; but to be effective, it needs to be intense. It needs to be taken seriously and rigorously, so that we can bring our full selves to the table. We are enabled to embrace the fullness of the promise of Resurrection and live as disciples of Jesus Christ. So, despite feeling as though we have been in a year-long season of Lent, we need this season; we need the observance to open us to all that God has in store for us. Rend your hearts, so together we can claim the promise. You may join the meeting [HERE](#). **(Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119)**

Third Sunday in Lent – March 7th

“**All These Words**” (Eulene Shepherd, facilitator)

Exodus 20:1-7

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 14th

“**Look Up and Live**” (Eddie Yates, facilitator)

Numbers 21:4-9

Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 21st

“**Written on the Heart**” (Mike Hooper, facilitator)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 28th  
“The One Who Comes” (June Grubb, facilitator)  
Mark 11:1-11...Mark 14:1-15:47...Isaiah 50:4-9

## DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Saving Time begins again! Remember to turn your clocks **AHEAD ONE HOUR** before you go to bed on Saturday, March 13. **Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday morning, March 14, 2021.**

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This year's theme for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is “**Let Love Flow.**” March 14, 2021 is the date our congregation will receive this offering

The gifts given to OGHS are used with others across the United Church of Christ to bring a greater impact to the work being done locally and globally to assist those most in need and vulnerable among us.

The COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes and flooding have ravaged communities in the United States and world-wide, leaving families and communities in desperate need of assistance. Some of these disasters have occurred in our hometown or in nearby communities or to friends and neighbors in places miles away.

When you share your gifts, you “Let Love Flow” and your generosity ensures that, even in the midst of uncertainty, the transforming power of God's love continues to change lives here and around the world, as together we build a just world for all.

Contributions to OGHS may be made directly to the church office or through online giving **HERE** or the OGHS website at <http://www.ucc.org/oghs>.

## GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

The Girl Scout Troop #2160, led by Kivi Miller, will help lead worship through word and song next Sunday. First Reformed is happy to sponsor this troop as they grow, learn, and contribute in the community.

## IMMEDIATE PRAYER PARTNERS

One responsibility of the Board of Evangelism is to involve church members in the well-being of one another. One way this is done is through intercessory prayer. Praying for another person is a powerful ministry that connects us more deeply to others and amplifies the needs before God. Sometimes prayers are needed/wanted due to emergencies or other unexpected circumstances beyond the concerns in our weekly bulletins. Formerly called the Prayer Chain, our newly named prayer ministry is **Immediate Prayer Partners**, coordinated by Patti Lovell. The **Immediate Prayer Partner** Ministry begins by calling Rev. Horton, the church office, or Patti Lovell with your prayer request. It will then be shared with volunteers who have **made a commitment to offer intercessory prayer immediately when they receive the message.** Depending on the volunteer's preference, communication will be via texts, emails, or phone calls. If you would like to volunteer to be an **Immediate Prayer Partner**, please contact Patti Lovell at 336-309-9302.

## CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

### WHAT:

Dinner and a Movie

### WHO:

Children pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### WHEN:

Friday, March 19, 2021 from 6:00-8:00PM

### WHERE:

Church Fellowship Hall.

### RSVP:

Please call the church office to RSVP by March 17<sup>th</sup>. All COVID precautions will be in place. Please wear a mask.

## VERNON GASTON (V.G.) PRICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Vernon Price was a man with accomplishments in many fields of endeavor, yet the things most dear to him were very simple – his family, his faith, his students and his town. For this reason, his family has requested that a scholarship be established in his name and that the recipients of the award encompass the ideals held most dear by V.G.

### Criteria:

The scholarship is open to any member of First Reformed United Church of Christ, or student from the Lexington City or Davidson County School Systems. **The application and attachments are due MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>.** The recipient will be chosen by May 1<sup>st</sup> of his/her senior year in high school. Presentation will be made at the student's Senior Award's Day. The recipient must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA throughout his/her junior and senior years in high school, demonstrate good citizenship, and be an active member of a church.

The selection committee will consist of three members of the Price/Bowie family, the minister, and a member of the Board of Trustees from First Reformed United Church of Christ.

To obtain an application, you may stop by the church office to pick up a hard copy, email the church office for a copy to be emailed to you, look for a copy in the February 2021 copy of the church newsletter, or click [HERE](#) for a copy.

## INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN WORSHIP SERVICES

We invite you to take part in our worship service by reading Scripture or saying a prayer. We will provide the Scripture text and easy instructions for recording yourself with your device at home. If you would like to read in worship service, please click on this Sign-Up Genius link to sign up for a Sunday: [Worship Reader](#).

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

If you happen to miss a week of our worship services and other events that are shared on our Facebook and YouTube pages, they will remain on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)'s history, so you may go back to watch any time.