



# First Reformed United Church of Christ

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

April 11, 2021  
**The Worship of God**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

(\*Please stand as you are able)

## Gathering Music

Christopher Kiser

## \*Chiming of the Trinity

### Prelude

*"Here I Am, Lord"*  
arr. Marianne Kim

Christopher Kiser

## Welcome to Worship

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

## Prayer

### Hymn

*"At the Cross (Hallelujah)"*

Ellen Peterson

### Scripture

John 20: 19-31

Rev. Horton

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

## Prayer

### Hymn

*"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

Ellen Peterson

### Scripture

Acts 4:32-35

Rev. Horton

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## Sermon

*"Dare to Be Generous"*

## \*Benediction

### Postlude

*Toccata no. 5 "To God Be the Glory"*  
arr. Joel Ramey

Christopher Kiser

**\*Please remain seated until after the Postlude. Ushers will direct when you may exit.**

**Please join us for Noon Fellowship and Prayer Concerns via Zoom**  
**Join the Meeting [HERE](#) (Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Passcode: 3n7IX8) Dial in: +1 929 205 6099**

**First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation.** We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never, before attended one, you are welcome here.

## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

**BIRTHDAYS:** 11<sup>th</sup>...Clifton Murphy  
12<sup>th</sup>...Kyle winters  
15<sup>th</sup>...Chris Fulton

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 13<sup>th</sup>...Lee & Ellen Bouchard  
14<sup>th</sup>...Brian McKlerie & Mike Price  
17<sup>th</sup>...Mike & Laura Perry

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**OUR MEMBERS:** Lee Bouchard, Jeff Hutchens, Katherine Skipper, Heidi Hutcheson (recovering from surgery at home), Lisa Price, Deanna Michael

**AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:** Marzell Crotts (Mountain Vista Health Park, Denton), Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall, Vogen Everhart (Brookdale)

**OUR FRIENDS:** \*Billie Carr (Ben Hale's mother, recovering from surgery), David Driver, 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.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 11: Second Sunday of Easter

9:15AM **Adult Sunday School via ZOOM** (John 20:19-31 "Unless I See")  
Join Meeting [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119 Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US)

10:30AM **Worship in the Sanctuary! Service also LIVESTREAMED on YouTube [HERE](#) and Facebook [HERE](#).**  
**COVID PRECAUTIONS FOLLOWED:** Masks Required Temperature Check  
Social Distancing Abbreviated Service No Congregational Singing

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 13:

12:00PM **2CFAR meeting via ZOOM** Join Meeting [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 Passcode: 222495)

6:30PM **Board of Evangelism Meeting via Zoom**

7:00PM **Book Study via Zoom** "Natural Saints: How People of Faith Are Working to Save God's Earth"  
Join the study [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 846 9163 5471 Passcode: 524570 Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 15:

4-6:00PM **Clothes Closet Workday**

5:30PM **High School Youth Meeting via Zoom**

### SATURDAY, April 17:

12:30PM **Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 18: Third Sunday of Easter:

9:15AM **Adult Sunday School via ZOOM** (Luke 24:36b-48 "Touch and See")  
Join Meeting [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119 Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US)

10:30AM **In-Person Worship (COVID PRECAUTIONS FOLLOWED)**  
**Service will also be LIVESTREAMED on YouTube [HERE](#).**

**NEW 6-WEEK ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY:** *Living the Resurrection: Easter Season* begins via Zoom April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15AM. The joy of Easter sustains us until the Spirit launches us into the next phase of the "kin-dom" of God.

**NEW BOOK STUDY:** *Natural Saints: How People of Faith Are Working to Save God's Earth* begins Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM via ZOOM. Discussion topics coordinate well with Earth Day celebrations. Several copies of the book are available in the church office, or you may order your own. Edgar Miller will facilitate this study.

**DVD MINISTRY:** You may request to be included in our DVD Ministry and receive a mailed copy during the week following the service. Please contact the church office to be added to our mailing list.

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