



# First Reformed United Church of Christ

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

April 18, 2021  
**The Worship of God**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

(\*)Please stand as you are able.

## Gathering Music

Christopher Kiser

### \*Chiming of the Trinity

#### Prelude

"How Great Thou Art" arr. Marilyn Thompson

Christopher Kiser

#### Welcome to Worship

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

#### Prayer

#### Hymn

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Ellen Peterson

#### Scripture

#### Luke 24: 36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

#### Prayer

#### Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Ellen Peterson

#### Scripture

#### Acts 3:12-19

Rev. Horton

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

#### Sermon

#### "Dare to Repent"

### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

"Once for All"  
arr. Rebecca Bonam

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

*The plant at the front of the church is placed by June Grubb in memory of her parents,  
W. James and Edna Arline Black Grubb.*

**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:** 18<sup>th</sup>...Amy Smith Golden  
20<sup>th</sup>...Cynthia Crowell Little  
22<sup>nd</sup>...Nadia Freeman  
24<sup>th</sup>...Becca McKerlie

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 17<sup>th</sup>...Mike & Laura Perry  
21<sup>st</sup>...Casey & Keri Hartle  
22<sup>nd</sup>...Edgar & Kivi Miller

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Eddie Yates and family upon the loss of his mother, Barbara Koonts Miller, who passed away on April 9, 2021.

**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 Crofts (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:** \*The Family of Dot McCachren (Eugenia Holste's sister-in-law), 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)

\*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 18: Third Sunday of Easter

9:15AM Adult Sunday School via Zoom [HERE](#). (Luke 24:36b-48) "Touch and See" Facilitator: Eulene Shepherd (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**  
12:00PM Please join [HERE](#) for Noon Fellowship and Prayer Concerns via Zoom (Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Passcode: 3n7IX8 Dial in: +1 929 205 6099)

##### TUESDAY, APRIL 20:

12:00PM 2CFAR meeting via ZOOM Join Meeting [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 Passcode: 222495)  
7:00PM Book Study via Zoom [HERE](#). "Natural Saints: How People of Faith Are Working to Save God's Earth" Facilitator: Edgar Miller (Meeting ID: 846 9163 5471 Passcode: 524570 Dial in: +1 301 715 8592)

##### THURSDAY, APRIL 22:

4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Workday

##### SATURDAY, April 24:

12:30PM Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry

##### SUNDAY, APRIL 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter:

9:15AM Adult Sunday School via ZOOM [HERE](#). (John 10:11-18) "Listen to My Voice" Facilitator: Smithie Parrish (Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119 Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US)  
10:30AM In-Person Worship Service will also be LIVESTREAMED on Facebook [HERE](#) and YouTube [HERE](#).  
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