



First Reformed United Church of Christ

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

April 4, 2021
The Worship of God
EASTER SUNDAY
First Sunday of In-Person Worship

(*)Please stand as you are able,

Gathering Music Christopher Kiser
*Chiming of the Trinity
Prelude "Christ is Alive!" Christopher Kiser
arr. Jason Payne

Welcome to Worship Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Prayer
Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Ellen Peterson

Scripture Isaiah 25:6-9 Rev. Horton

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Prayer
Hymn "Because He Lives" Mike Price, Saxophone
Scripture Mark 16:1-8 Rev. Horton

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So, they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Sermon "The Sun Rises"
Hymn "Low in the Grave He Lay" Ellen Peterson
*Benediction
Postlude "Toccata from Symphony No. 5" Christopher Kiser
by Charles-Marie Widor

***Please remain seated until after the Postlude. Ushers will direct when you may exit.
As a sign of new life and blessing, we will scatter wildflower seeds together in front of the Educational Building. Please join us.**

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: 4th...Larry Link... Ashlee Snider
5th...Caroline Hooper
7th...Mike Brown
8th...John Potts
9th...Eulene Shepherd

ANNIVERSARIES 2nd...Joe & Cathy Browder
10th...Jeremy & Ellen Peterson

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR MEMBERS: *Lee Bouchard, *Jeff Hutchens, Marzell Crofts (Mountain Vista Health Park, Denton), Katherine Skipper, Heidi Hutcheson (recovering from surgery at home), Lisa Price, Deanna Michael

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES: 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: 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 4: Easter Sunday

10:30AM In-person worship in the Sanctuary! Service will also be **LIVESTREAMED** on YouTube [HERE](#)

COVID PRECAUTIONS FOLLOWED:

Social Distancing Abbreviated Service (under 40 minutes) No Congregational Singing

Masks Required

Temperature Check

MONDAY, APRIL 5: EASTER MONDAY: HOLIDAY (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)

TUESDAY, APRIL 6:

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 8:

4:00- 6:00PM Clothes Closet Workday

SATURDAY, April 10:

12:30PM Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, APRIL 11: Second Sunday of Easter

9:15AM Adult Sunday School via ZOOM

John 20:19-31 "Unless I See"

10:30AM In-Person Worship (COVID PRECAUTIONS FOLLOWED)

Service will also be **LIVESTREAMED** on YouTube [HERE](#).

1:00PM Consistory Meeting via ZOOM

NEW 6-WEEK ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY: *Living the Resurrection: Easter Season* begins via Zoom Sunday April 11th at 9:15AM. Easter is not just a day; it is a season. The joy of Easter needs to sustain us until the Spirit can launch us into the next phase of experiencing the "kin-dom" of God.

NEW BOOK STUDY: *Natural Saints: How People of Faith Are Working to Save God's Earth* begins on Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00PM via ZOOM. The important topics included for discussion coordinate well with Earth Day celebrations in April. Several copies of the book will be available in the church office after Easter, 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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