



First Reformed United Church of Christ

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

May 30, 2021
The Worship of God
TRINITY SUNDAY

(*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Music

Christopher Kiser

*Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Joel Raney

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ellen Peterson

Opening Prayer

Dave Fulton

Scripture

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

Prayer for Memorial Day

Rev. Horton

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

Rev. Horton

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. ²Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other, saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of heavenly forces! All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the LORD of heavenly forces!"

Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?" I said, "I'm here; send me."

Sermon

"Dare to Live"

Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

Ellen Peterson

*Benediction

Postlude

"Great Is the Lord" arr. Peggy Betcher

Christopher Kiser

***Please remain seated until the ushers direct you to exit.**

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.

MAY CELEBRATIONS: **BIRTHDAYS:** 31st ...Wilson Hooper
JUNE CELEBRATIONS: **ANNIVERSARIES:** 2nd...Craig & Donna Coe...Irvin & Doris Sink

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with the family of Janelle Smith Bunn, who passed away on Friday May 21. (A memorial service is planned for June 26 in the sanctuary with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.)

OUR MEMBERS: Mike Brown (recovering at home), Bill Robbins (recovering at home), Edgar Miller (recovering at home), Lee Bouchard, Jeff Hutchens, Katherine Skipper, Heidi Hutcheson, Deanna Michael

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES: Peggy Bates, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall, Vogen Everhart (Brookdale)

OUR FRIENDS: *Beverly & Dave Ward (Ron Link's sister and brother-in-law), *The family of Dean Thornsburg *friend of Alane Holste, *Glenda Kiser (Christopher Kiser's mother), Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye), Immanuel Carrothers (friend of Nina Smith), Victor and Cheryl Moss (friends of Camille Morgan), Nicole Holste (Alane Holste's sister-in-law), Wendi Greene (Bill Robbins' sister dealing with cancer)

*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, May 30: Trinity Sunday

9:15AM **Adult Sunday School via ZOOM HERE. Pentecost Season's Bible Study: When the Spirit Moves**
"Born of the Spirit" John 3:1-17, Isaiah 6:1-8 (Facilitator: Smithie Parrish)

(Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119 Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US)

10:30AM **In-Person Worship Service LIVESTREAMED ONLY ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE USING THIS LINK.**
Service will be uploaded onto our Facebook page

MONDAY, May 31

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY...CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

TUESDAY, June 1

12:00PM **2CFAR Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race 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"**
(Meeting ID: 846 9163 5471 Passcode: 524570 Dial in: +1 301 715 8592)

WEDNESDAY, June 2

6:00PM **"NAMI 101" NAMI Affiliate Program meeting via Zoom**
Join Zoom Meeting using the link below.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73899608264?pwd=MitSaTVTc3V1REdmaXlaN25nSnNlZ09>
(Meeting ID: 738 9960 8264 Passcode: 82TwAM)

THURSDAY, June 3:

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

SATURDAY, June 5:

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

SUNDAY, June 6: Second Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion

9:15AM **Adult Sunday School via ZOOM HERE. Pentecost Season's Bible Study: When the Spirit Moves**
"Being Renewed" Mark 3:20-35 and 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (Facilitator: June Grubb)
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Looking Ahead June 13: Church-wide Worship and Picnic at Wildcat Mountain ALL FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED. NO COVERED DISH ITEMS OR DESSERTS ARE NEEDED. YOU ONLY NEED TO BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!

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WEEKLY EMAIL from FIRST REFORMED UCC

May 28, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINNING AT 10:30AM

LIVESTREAMED ONLY ON OUR [YOUTUBE PAGE USING THIS LINK.](#)

You may also view past services using the same link.

Service will be uploaded to view later onto our Facebook page [HERE.](#)

Click [here for the worship bulletin.](#)
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SUNDAY, MAY 30: *Dare to Live*
TRINITY SUNDAY

Scriptures: [Romans 8:12-17](#) and [Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

UPDATE FOR COVID PRECAUTIONS

In light of the new CDC recommendations, the Consistory approved these guidelines for us to gather:

- If you have been completely vaccinated, you may remove your mask while you are seated if you wish.
- If you have NOT been completely vaccinated, please leave your mask on at all times as usual.

We are trusting in the honor system when it comes to these decisions.

We ALL will continue to:

- Wear masks upon arriving to church
- Receive temperature checks
- Take attendance
- Socially distance

LOOKING TOWARD SUNDAY: A MESSAGE FROM REV. HORTON



Dear Beloved Community,

Thank you for daring with one another as we have journeyed through Acts. We have seen bold and brave disciples dare to live out their faith, allowing God's Spirit to work through them even when they were unsure or afraid.

Now that our Covid guidelines are beginning to relax a bit, we too are in a space where we may feel a bit disoriented or anxious. However, as Last week's Pentecost fire reminded us, God is indeed working in the life of this church. God is working in your life too.

This Sunday, we explore the final piece of this series, as we remember the ones who died sacrificing their lives that we on this day, must Dare to Live.

Grateful to be with you on the journey,
Elizabeth

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT?

There will be an info meeting via zoom Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6pm to discuss forming a NAMI affiliate program in Davidson County. After this meeting there will be a "NAMI 101" Zoom meeting with North Carolina NAMI that will provide details of establishing an affiliate for those who want more information.

Join Zoom Meeting June 2, 2021 6:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73899608264?pwd=MitSaTVIc3V1REdmaXlaN25nSnNlZz09>

(Meeting ID: 738 9960 8264 Passcode: 82TwAM)

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

We will continue to collect Strengthen the Church donations through June 2. Donations may be made by check (please write "Strengthen the Church" on the subject line), or cash (please place donation in a labeled envelope), or you may give securely online [HERE](#).

NEW PENTECOST SEASON BIBLE STUDY

The Pentecost Season's Bible Study is entitled "*When the Spirit Moves*". We will continue to gather by ZOOM at 9:15AM. Join study [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119 Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US)

The First Sunday after Pentecost, May 30th "*Born of the Spirit*"

John 3:1-17, Isaiah 6:1-8
Facilitator: Smithie Parrish

The Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 6th "*Being Renewed*"

Mark 3:20-35, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Facilitator: June Grubb

The Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 13th "*Growing in the New Creation*"

Mark 4:26-34, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17
Picnic at Wild Cat Mountain - No ZOOM today

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 20 "*Enduring the Storms*"

Mark 4:35-41, 2 Corinthians 6:1-3

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 27 "*Giving What You Have*"

Mark 5:21-43, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Alisa Johnson needs volunteers to help for cover routes for meal delivery. If you are willing to help one morning of the week or more, please contact Alisa at **336-250-6589** or alisajohnson912@gmail.com.

CHURCH PICNIC: JUNE 13TH!

Our annual Sunday Worship and Picnic at Wildcat Farm will be held on the second Sunday of June. **We appreciate all who have asked about bringing items. However, this year to help have a Covid-Safe service and lunch, the Church will provide everything. Just bring your lawn chair and enjoy!**

Menu: Hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings, chips, and soft drinks or water. The Grow and Go Girls will provide desserts (Individually packaged). **Come join us for some outside worship, food and fellowship. Look for more information in the June 2021 Newsletter.**

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

June's Newsletter will be a little late. Be on the look-out for it by June 4th!