

First Reformed United Church of Christ

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

June 27, 2021
The Worship of God
5th Sunday after Pentecost

(*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Music		Christopher Kiser
*Ringing of the Chimes		Lucas Peterson
Welcome to Worship		Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Prelude	"Open Our Eyes" with "Be Thou My Visions" arr. Mark Hayes	
Opening Prayer		John Gray
Special Music	"Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place"	Ellen Peterson
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Horton
Scripture	Mark 5: 21-43	Rev. Horton

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon	"Identify Yourself: Where Does It Hurt?"	
Hymn	"All Are Welcome"	Ellen Peterson
*Benediction		
Postlude	"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" arr. Marianne Kim	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.



The arrangement at the front of the sanctuary is in honor of Peggy B. Bates' June 22nd birthday, given by her nephew, Parks Bailey and his family.

JUNE CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS:

28th...June Grubb...Ron Hutcheson

JULY CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS:

1st...Keri Hartle

2nd...Raeann Allred...Ron Link...Brad Robertson

3rd...Marguerite Leonard

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR MEMBERS: Jasmine Cruz (recovering from surgery), Peggy Bates, Alisa Johnson (recently diagnosed with dermatomyositis), Mike Brown (recovering at home), Bill Robbins (recovering at home), Lee Bouchard, Jeff Hutchens, Deanna Michael

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

OUR FRIENDS: *Charm Ketner, (recovering from surgery at home), The Family of Katherine Kipper, Cora Mae Atkinson (Beverly Lovell's grandmother), Nancy Burton (Mother of a friend of Patti and Jerry Lovell), Beverly & Dave Ward (Ron Link's sister and brother-in-law), Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye), Immanuel Carothers (friend of Nina Smith)

*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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, June 27: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15AM Bible Study concludes with a discussion on: **"Giving What You Have"**
Mark 5:21-43, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (Eulene Shepherd, Facilitator)

10:30AM In-Person Worship Service **LIVESTREAMED ONLY ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE.** Service will be uploaded onto our Facebook Page at a later time.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP: IN-PERSON CONSISTOSRY MEETING in the Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, June 29:

6:30PM **Crucial Conversations: In-person meeting in the Fellowship Hall**

This meeting concludes the "Voices" series with guest Speaker Captain Ronnie Best, Lexington Police Department. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, July 1:

4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Workday

SATURDAY, July 3:

12:30PM Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, July 4: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost...Independence Day

10:30AM In-Person Worship Service **LIVESTREAMED ONLY ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE.** Service will be uploaded onto our Facebook Page at a later time.

MONDAY, July 5: HOLIDAY

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WEEKLY EMAIL from FIRST REFORMED UCC

June 25, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINNING AT 10:30AM

LIVESTREAMED ONLY ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE

You may also view past services on this same page

Service will be uploaded to view later on our Facebook page.

Click [here for the worship bulletin.](#)
Click [here for to give securely](#) on our website.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27: Identify Yourself: Where Does It Hurt?

Scripture: [Mark 5: 21-43](#)

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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Dear FRUCC Friends,

Pastors Michael and Diane Simon of Victory in Jesus Christ Ministries would like to thank you for the donations and support of our ministry. These donations are greatly appreciated and are put to good use. We look forward to working with FRUCC Clothes Closet to combat homelessness and bringing about change for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Your Friends in Faith,
Pastors Michael and Diane Simon

FARMSHARE BOXES GOAL MET

THANK YOU! We have met our goal to sponsor **12 FarmShare boxes** of fresh produce from Seven Sisters Farms! Thanks to your donations, Edgar Miller's vision that all may have access to locally grown food, and Jamie Hollman's creative cooking abilities, fresh produce will be included **each week** in the 80 meals prepared and delivered to elderly or disabled recipients of Meals on Wheels of Lexington.

JUNETEENTH FREEDOM CELEBRATION

Come join us on **Saturday, June 19th at 6:00pm** for a history tour walk. We will gather at the steps of St. Stephen UMC for this event.

VISITS TO OUR MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES

As restrictions are being lifted, would you like to make occasional visits to our homebound members and those in care facilities. Please let me know at elizabeth@frucc.org

MONTHLY PFLAG MEETINGS

Every 3rd Thursday, PFLAG meetings will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. For more info, you may contact confidentially: 646-221-2442 or pflaglexingtonnc@gmail.com

USHERS NEEDED

As we work to return to worship, we are all aware that things are still not back to "the way they were before," but we are working in that direction. One of the changes currently is with the ushers and usher duties. As we work through this, would you please assist in this planning by signing up to usher in the weeks ahead. Contact the church office if you are interested.

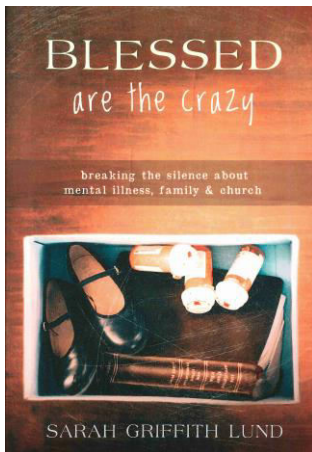
PENTECOST SEASON BIBLE STUDY

"When the Spirit Moves" Bible Study concludes this Sunday at 9:15AM.

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

Mark 5:21-43, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (Eulene Shepherd, Facilitator)

NEW BOOK DISCUSSION PLANNED



Take June and July to read ***Blessed Are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness, Family & Church*** for a planned discussion on August 24th. All are welcome to take part in this **"IN PERSON"** discussion about author Sarah Griffith Lund's "raw, honest look at her father's battle with bipolar disorder, the helpless sense of déjà vu as her brother struggles with his own mental illness, and serving as spiritual advisor for her cousin, a mentally ill man executed for murder."

Several copies are available in the office for sharing, or you may purchase your own copy at your location of preference. More information will be shared closer to the meeting date.

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.

PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE

Are you interested in piano lessons? Christopher Kiser, our church organist/pianist, is opening up his piano studio for enrollment! Lessons are given individually and will begin in August/September.

If you or someone you know may be interested in taking piano lessons, please contact Chris by email or phone. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Email: cdkiser94@gmail.com

Phone: (336) 469-4716

PLUS-SIZE CLOTHING NEEDED FOR OUR CLOTHES CLOSET

Our Clothes Closet partners with Meals on Wheels recipients who are mostly homebound. Several have need for 2X, 3X, and 4X clothes, men's or women's. Items such as T-Shirts, elastic shorts, legging type pants are particularly useful. If you have gently used clothing or can find a bargain at a discount store in plus sizes, please consider donating to this ministry. Our Church Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-12:00.