

# First Reformed United Church of Christ

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

July 25, 2021  
The Worship of God  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

(\*Please stand as you are able.

**Prelude** Christopher Kiser

**\*Ringing of the Chimes** Lucas Peterson

**Welcome to Worship** Ellen Peterson

**Duet** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio  
Ellen Peterson & Carolyn Robbins

**Opening Prayer** Dave Fulton

**Scripture** **Psalm 1:1-3**

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**Scripture** **Ephesians 3:14-21** Rev. June Grubb

For this reason, I bow my knees before God, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more that all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Sermon** "Rooted and Grounded in God's Love"

**Hymn** "Rooted in Your Love" by Amy Sens Ellen Peterson

**\*Benediction** Rev. Grubb

**Postlude** "To God Be the Glory" arr. Joel Raney 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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE:** **DIGITAL MEDIA TECH:** Jeremy Peterson **SOUND TECH:** James Gray  
**USHERS:** Jerry Lovell, Doris Sink, Eddie Yates

**Urgent Request:** Ushers are needed for the remainder of July and for August. If you can serve, please sign up through the church's weekly email or contact Eddie Yates (bbqman46@gamil.com).

## JULY CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS:

25<sup>th</sup>...Melody Evans  
27<sup>th</sup>...Betty Link  
28<sup>th</sup>...Jeff Hutchens  
30<sup>th</sup>...Sam West

### ANNIVERSARIES:

27<sup>th</sup>...Mark & Nicole Smith  
30<sup>th</sup>...Eddie & Belinda Yates

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**OUR MEMBERS:** Lee Bouchard, Jeff Hutchens, Deanna Michael

**AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:** Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner (Brookdale, Rm. 208, Phone: 336-237-9897), Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Vogen Everhart (Room 102 Brookdale), Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

**[BROOKDALE ADDRESS: 161 YOUNG DRIVE, LEXINGTON, NC 27292 MAIN PHONE: 336 238 1700]**

**OUR FRIENDS:** \*Gloria Briggs (Janette Neal's sister undergoing surgery)

\*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, July 25: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM **IN-PERSON** Bible Study (Parlor)  
Session 3 "Rooted and Grounded in Love" (Ephesians 3:14-21) (Smithie Parrish, Facilitator)

10:30AM Worship Service In-Person and Livestreamed Online (YOUTUBE)  
**In the Pulpit: Rev. June Grubb**

### TUESDAY, July 27:

6:00PM Property Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### THURSDAY, July 29:

1:30-2:30 Clothes Closet Workday with help from Kidz Dreamz Klub

### SATURDAY, July 31

12:30PM Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry

### SUNDAY, August 1: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost...HOLY COMMUNION

9:30AM **IN-PERSON** Bible Study (Parlor)  
Session 4 "A Life Worthy" Ephesians 4:1-16 (June Grubb, Facilitator)

10:30AM Worship Service In-Person and Livestreamed Online (YOUTUBE)

For details on all our ministries, contact Carolyn in the church office to subscribe to our weekly email.

**Ministers:** The Congregation of

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**Minister of Pastoral Care:** Rev. June Grubb ([jgrubb3@triad.rr.com](mailto:jgrubb3@triad.rr.com) #336-248-5668)

**Choir Director:** Ellen Peterson ([ellenrpeterson@gmail.com](mailto:ellenrpeterson@gmail.com)) **Organist/Pianist:** Christopher Kiser ([cdkiser94@gmail.com](mailto:cdkiser94@gmail.com))

**Administrative Asst.:** Carolyn Robbins ([carolyn@frucc.org](mailto:carolyn@frucc.org)) **Financial Administrator:** Paula Lopp ([paula@frucc.org](mailto:paula@frucc.org))

## WEEKLY EMAIL from FIRST REFORMED UCC

July 23, 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

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SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021: "Rooted and Grounded in God's Love"

Scripture: [Ephesians 3:14-21](#)

### URGENT REQUEST FOR USHERS

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### ADULT IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

The Adult "in person" Bible study will meet Sunday in the church Parlor at 9:30 a.m. This seven-week series, entitled "Geared Up for Life," takes a walk through the Epistle to the Ephesians, dividing it into two halves - the first half, Chapters 1-3, provides a theological foundation for the faith in some of the most beautiful language in the Epistles. The second half, Chapters 4-6, focuses on the ethical dimensions of the faith: How do we live it out? This second half reminds us that faith isn't simply about believing, but about living. The series themes follow:

**Sunday, July 25th**

"Rooted and Grounded in Love" Ephesians 3:14-21

**Sunday, August 1st**

"A Life Worthy" Ephesians 4:1-16

**Sunday August 8th**

"Speaking Truth" Ephesians 4:25-5:2

**Sunday, August 15th**

"Giving Thanks" Ephesians 5:15-20

**Sunday, August 22nd**

"Armored" Ephesians 6:10-20

### NEXT NAMI MEETING

The next NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness/North Carolina) meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, **August 2, 2021 at 6:00PM**. This meeting continues discussions on creating a NAMI Chapter in Davidson County. Anyone interested may join.

### MONTHLY PFLAG MEETINGS

Every 3rd Thursday, PFLAG meetings will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 19th at 6:30PM**. For more info, you may contact confidentially: 646-221-2442 or [pflaglexingtonnc@gmail.com](mailto:pflaglexingtonnc@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](mailto:cdkiser94@gmail.com)

Phone: (336) 469-4716

## VISITS TO OUR MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES

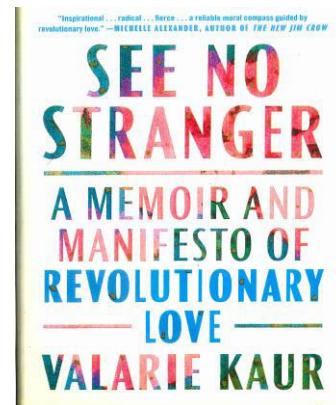
As restrictions are being lifted, would you like to make occasional visits to our homebound members and those in care facilities. Please let me know at [elizabeth@frucc.org](mailto:elizabeth@frucc.org)

## NEW ADULT EDUCATION BOOK STUDY

On Tuesday, August 3 at 7:00PM we will begin our study of "See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love" by Valarie Kaur. We will continue to meet via ZOOM. (The link will be shared prior to the first meeting.)

Valarie Kaur--renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer--declares revolutionary love as the call of our time, a radical, joyful practice that extends in three directions: to others, to our opponents, and to ourselves. It invites us to see no stranger but instead look at others and say, "You are part of me I do not yet know."

Kaur takes us on her journey as a brown girl growing up in California farmland finding her place in the world: as a young adult galvanized by the murders of Sikhs after 9/11; as a law student fighting injustice in American prisons; and as a woman trying to heal from her own experiences with sexual assault and police violence. "See No Stranger" helps us imagine new ways of being with each other--and with ourselves--so that together we can begin to build the world we want to see. You may order your copy of the book from your preferred bookstore and join us as we begin this new study on August 3rd.



## WORKING OUR WAY BACK TO REGULAR CHOIR PRACTICES

It has been a long time since our choir has practiced together and sung for Sunday worship services AND WE HAVE MISSED IT! We are starting some short practice sessions beginning in August following Sunday worship, just to get used to singing together again before regular choir practices begin on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you are a regular choir member, we look forward to singing with you again. If you would like to be a part of the choir, join us on the Sundays listed below. Ask anyone who is a member...we have a lot of fun and get to sing some beautiful music together under Ellen's direction!

**Add these dates to your calendar...**

**Sunday practices in the sanctuary following worship from 11:30-12:30:**

**August 22 and 29**

**September 5, and 12**

**REGULAR CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 7:00PM**

## BOOK DISCUSSION PLANNED



Take July and August to read ***Blessed Are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness, Family & Church*** for a planned discussion on August 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 (**please remember to return borrowed copies so that others may borrow**), 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 [336-357-0648](tel:336-357-0648) or [alisajohnson912@gmail.com](mailto:alisajohnson912@gmail.com).

## 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.