



First Reformed United Church of Christ

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

August 1, 2021
The Worship of God
Holy Communion

(*Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" arr. Mark Hayes

Christopher Kiser

Lucas Peterson

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

*Ringing of the Chimes

Welcome to Worship

Cathy Browder

Ellen Peterson

Opening Prayer

Special Music

"I Feel the Spirit Moving" arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture

Ephesians 4: 1-16

Cathy Browder

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Horton

Scripture

John 6: 24-35

So, when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Sermon

"Bread of Life"

Hymn

"In Remembrance"

Mike Price, Saxophone

Service of Holy Communion

Please remain seated. The Bread and the Cup will be brought to you.

*Benediction

Rev. Horton

Postlude

"Heaven's Roll Call" arr. Lyndell Leatherman

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:** John Gray
USHERS: Vicky Gray, Lisa Nelson, Michell Winters **ACOLYTE:** Ethan Lovell **BIBLE STEWARD:** Lucas Peterson

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

1st...Patti Everhart...Claire Smith
2nd...Eugenia Holste...Karla Loper...Jerry Lovell
4th...Lynn Klopp
6th...Lucas Peterson

ANNIVERSARIES:

3rd...Bill & Carolyn Robbins
7th...John & Vicky Gray

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

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OUR FRIENDS: Steve Ketner (recovering from surgery), Gloria Briggs (Janette Neal's sister recovering from 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, August 1: Holy Communion

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

9:45AM Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)

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

MONDAY, August 2:

6:00PM NAMI Meeting via Zoom

THURSDAY, August 5:

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

SATURDAY, August 7

12:30PM Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry

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

9:30AM In-person Bible Study (Parlor)
 Session 5 "Speaking Truth" Ephesians 4: 25-5: 2 (Dave & Glenyce Fulton, Facilitators)

10:30AM Worship Service In-Person and Livestreamed Online (YOUTUBE)
 Kids Worship Connection (Leaders: Jeremy Lovell & Smithie Parrish)

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

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