



# First Reformed United Church of Christ

Where People Discover...

The Love of God...

The Power to Love Others...

The Ability to Love Ourselves.

October 10, 2021

The Worship of God

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

## Prelude

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" arr. Marianne Kim

Christopher Kiser

## \*Ring of the Chimes

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

## Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Ellen Peterson

## Opening Prayer

Alane Holste

## Children's Church

Rev. Evan Sieges

## Gospel Reading

Mark 10: 17-22 (Common English Bible)

Alane Holste

As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments:

*Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother.*"

"Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Pastoral Prayer

## Anthem

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

arr. Jeffrey Honore

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.*

*(Refrain) No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.*

*Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It sounds and echoes in my soul;*

*How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing. All things are mine since I am his.*

*How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)*

## Scripture Reading

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17 (Common English Bible)

Rev. Horton

Job answered: Today my complaint is again bitter; my strength is weighed down because of my groaning. Oh, that I could know how to find him—come to his dwelling place; I would lay out my case before him, fill my mouth with arguments, know the words with which he would answer, understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me through brute force? No, he would surely listen to me. There those who do the right thing can argue with him; I could escape from my judge forever. Look, I go east; he's not there, west, and don't discover him; north in his activity, and I don't grasp him; he turns south, and I don't see. God has weakened my mind; the Almighty has frightened me. Still, I'm not annihilated by darkness; he has hidden deep darkness from me.

## Sermon

**"Keeping Faith in Troubled Times: Learn to Lament"**

## Invitation to Give and Serve in the Life of the Church

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

"Sing a New Song" arr. Douglas Wagner

Christopher Kiser

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

**Directly after the service, you are invited to join in the Prayer Circle in the front of the sanctuary.**

**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 FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY....

are given by Beverly Sandifer to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Sandifer and their October 7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

#### OUR MEMBERS:

Lee Bouchard, Jeff Hutchens

#### AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard (New Address & phone number: 100 Hedrick Drive, Room 116, Thomasville, NC 27360, (336) 474-3821), Deanna Michael, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

#### OUR FRIENDS:

\*Franklin Waters (Cathy Whitley's father), Earl Parker (Rev. Horton's father), Bob Saylor (friend of John Maze), Janelle Parker (friend of Frank Leonard), Connie Leggette (friend of Renee White), Ashley Thomason (Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's daughter-in-law), Cheri Yates (Eddie Yates' stepmother), Rev. Dr. Ray Howell III (Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lexington), Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye)

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

LITURGIST: Alane Holste

DIGITAL MEDIA TECHNICIANS: Jeremy Peterson

SOUND TECH: James Gray

USHERS: John Gray & Eddie Yates

ACOLYTE: Emory Smith BIBLE STEWARD: Elliott Smith

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: TBD

### CELEBRATIONS

#### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

12<sup>th</sup>...Bill Robbins

### UPCOMING EVENTS...

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

**CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING** (Sanctuary)

A copy of the proposed budget will be mailed or emailed to you for review prior to the meeting.

#### SUNDAY, October 24 FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

**NEXT STEPS** (Sanctuary) Join us If you've been visiting, have questions about our church or to find out what's going on in the life of our church.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 at 5:00PM:

**ALL HALLOW'S EVE Spooky Service & Trunk or Treat** (beginning in the sanctuary)

#### NOVEMBER 7: **HOMEcoming SUNDAY**

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10:

9:30AM Bible Study: In-Person & via Zoom  
(Fellowship Hall)

"Bitter Complaints"

Smithie Parrish (Facilitator)

Job: 23: 1-9, 16-17, Mark:10: 17-31

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

10:45AM Children's Church (Theater Room)

Following Worship: Prayer Circle

6:00PM Youth Group (West's home)

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

12:00PM 2CFAR via Zoom

7:00PM **BOOK STUDY WILL NOT MEET TONIGHT  
RESUMES NEXT WEEK WITH CH. 5**

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

5:00PM Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)  
(9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

6:30PM

Youth Group (Youth Room) Assistant: Stacy West

Children's Fun & Activities (Fellowship Hall)

Assistants: Jeremy Lovell & Jeremy Peterson

Choir Practice (Chapel Annex)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14:

4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Workday

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

12:30PM Carry-Out Lunch Ministry

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17:

9:30AM Bible Study: In-Person (Parlor)  
& via Zoom

"Out of the Whirlwind"

June Grubb (Facilitator)

Job 38: 1-7 (34-41) Mark 10: 35-45

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

10:45AM Children's Church (Theater Room)

Following Worship:

Congregational Budget Meeting

Prayer Circle

6:00PM Youth Group (West's home)

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