



First Reformed United Church of Christ

Where People Discover...

The Love of God...

The Power to Love Others...

The Ability to Love Ourselves.

October 17, 2021
The Worship of God
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Bruce Tippet

***Ringing of the Chimes**

Words of Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Hymn

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Ellen Peterson

Opening Prayer

Rev. Evan Sieges

Children's Church

Rev. Sieges, Jeremy & Keri Lovell

Gospel Reading

Mark 10: 35-45 (Common English Bible)

Marge Doty

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory."

Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared."

Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

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

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

"Where He Leads Me"

Ellen Peterson

Scripture Reading

Job 38: 1-7, 34-41 (Common English Bible)

Rev. Horton

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man. I will question you, and you shall declare to me, "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements--surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together, and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?"

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?" Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?"

"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

Sermon

"Keeping Faith in Troubled Times: Know Your Limits"

Invitation to Give and Serve in the Life of the Church

***Benediction**

Postlude

Bruce Tippet

Directly after the service, please remain seated for our Annual Budget Meeting.

After the meeting, 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.

We welcome again Bruce Tippet as our pianist this morning. He is a composer, performer, and educator and holds a Master of Music from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in music composition and a Bachelor of Music in both music composition/theory and music education from Appalachian State University. Tippet is the recipient of many awards, including the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship and the Lynn Freeman Olson Composition Award. He teaches music composition, theory, piano, and voice at the Community Music School of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, and he is the Youth Music and Handbell Director at Augsburg Lutheran Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR MEMBERS: *Janette Neal, 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: *Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye), *Becky Poetzinger (Susie Smith's mother), *Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Franklin Waters (Cathy Whitley's father), Earl Parker (Rev. Horton's father), Bob Saylor (friend of John Maze), Jonelle Parker (friend of Frank Leonard), Connie Leggette (friend of Renee White), Ashley Thomason (Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

LITURGIST: Marge Doty

DIGITAL MEDIA TECHNICIANS: Jeremy Peterson

SOUND TECH: James Gray

USHERS: John Gray, June Grubb, Nicole Smith

ACOLYTE: Emory Smith **BIBLE STEWARD:** Elliott Smith

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jeremy & Keri Lovell

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

20th...Lee Ann Peele

21st...Mark Loper

22nd...Molly Robertson

ANNIVERSARIES:

23rd...Jeremy & Keri Lovell

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 (in the sanctuary) Following the service, candy will be given out in front of the church as part of Lexington's BOO BASH

NOVEMBER 7: HOMECOMING SUNDAY

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

12:00PM 2CFAR via Zoom

7:00PM Book Study Group via Zoom: "Strangers No More"

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:30PM Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall) (9th-12th Grades)

6:30PM

Youth Group (Youth Room) **Assistant: Belinda Yates**

Children's Fun & Activities (Fellowship Hall)

Assistants: Smithie Parrish & Renee White

Choir Practice (Chapel Annex)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21:

4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Workday

6:30PM PFLAG Meeting (via Zoom)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23:

12:30PM Carry-Out Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24:

9:30AM Bible Study: In-Person (Parlor) & **via Zoom** "Now My Eyes See" Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 Mark 10: 46-52 (Facilitator: Eddie Yates)

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

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

Following Worship: Prayer Circle

NEXT STEPS

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

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