



# First Reformed United Church of Christ

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

October 3, 2021  
The Worship of God  
Holy Communion  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**"O, How He Loves You and Me"** arr. Mark Hayes

Christopher Kiser

**\*Ringing of the Chimes**

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

**Opening Prayer**

Camille Morgan

**Hymn**

**"One Bread, One Body"**

Ellen Peterson

**Children's Church**

Rev. Evan Sieges, Smithie Parrish & Christie Plummer

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 10: 2-16**

Camille Morgan

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

**Scripture Reading**

**Job 1:1, 2:1-10**

Rev. Horton

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So, Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

**Sermon**

**"Keeping Faith in Troubled Times"**

**Special Music**

**"Communion Kum Ba Yah"**

Ellen Peterson &

arr. Bret Rhoades & Steve Kupferschmid

Carolyn Robbins

**Service of Holy Communion**

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

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

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Toccatà No. 10 "Austrian Hymn"** 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.

## THE ARRANGEMENT AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH....

is to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marzell Crofts and her September 29<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by the family of John Bates.

## 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, Deanna Michael, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

### OUR FRIENDS:

\*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 Hutcherson'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:** Camille Morgan

**DIGITAL MEDIA TECHNICIANS:** Kivi & Jia Miller

**SOUND TECH:** James Gray

**USHERS:** Nicole Smith & Eddie Yates

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Smithie Parrish & Christie Plummer

## CELEBRATIONS

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

6<sup>th</sup> ...Joy Waiser

7<sup>th</sup>...Kelsey Johnson

9<sup>th</sup>...Griff Smith

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

**WEDNESDAYS at 6:30PM:** Youth Study

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**SUNDAYS AT 10:45AM:** Children's Church

**WEDNESDAYS at 6:30PM:** Children's Fun & Activities

## 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, NOVEMBER 7: HOMECOMING SUNDAY

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3: World Communion & Neighbors in Need Offering

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

"To and Fro on the Earth"

Eulene Shepherd (Facilitator)

(Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Mark 10:2-16)

**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 5

**12:00PM** **2CFAR** via Zoom

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

**5:00PM** **Staff Meeting**

**6:30PM**

**Youth Group** (Youth Room)

**Children's Fun & Activities** (Fellowship Hall)

**Choir Practice** (Chapel Annex)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7:

**4-6:00PM** **Clothes Closet Workday**

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

**12:30PM** **Carry-Out Lunch Ministry**

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10:

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

"Bitter Complaints"

Smithie Parrish (Facilitator)

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

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