

SHARE THE LOVE! Just like at Christmas, we'd like to remember our members at home on Valentine's Day. Fifteen bags, along with labels, will be placed on the back pew of the sanctuary to collect cards today and February 13th. You may bring your own, or use one of the sets available in the Narthex. Place your signed cards in the bags before leaving church.

If you'd like to volunteer to help deliver the Valentine bags on February 13th or 14th, please sign up on the list on the back pew.

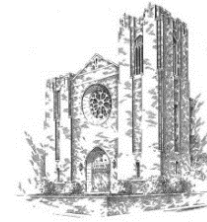
VERNON GASTON (V.G.) PRICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Vernon Price was a man with accomplishments in many fields of endeavor, yet the things most dear to him were very simple – his family, his faith, his students and his town. For this reason, his family requested that a scholarship be established in his name and that the recipients of the award encompass the ideals held most dear by V.G. **Applications are due to the church office by March 31.** (Contact the office for a copy of the application and list of the criteria.)

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES: Girl Scouts 2160 will be selling Girl Scout cookies the **whole month of February**. This year's cookies are:

Caramel delites (aka Samoas)	Adventurefuls (new this year -- brownie with caramel)
Toast-Yay! (cinnamon toast)	Lemonades
Thin Mints	Peanut Butter Patties (covered in chocolate)
Peanut Butter Sandwiches	Shortbread
Thin Mints	Caramel Chocolate Chip (Gluten-Free)

They are \$5 per box. Please contact Kivi or Jianna Miller to place an order. You can call or text Kivi at 336-870-0251 or email Jianna at jiannamiller@gmail.com. The troop will also be leading worship on Girl Scout Sunday, February 27, and that will be your last day to buy cookies at church. **Thank you for supporting our Girl Scouts!**

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First Reformed United Church of Christ
Where People Discover...
The Love of God...
The Power to Love Others...
The Ability to Love Ourselves

February 6, 2022
The Worship of God

Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude Christopher Kiser

***Chiming of the Hour**

Words of Welcome Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Scripture Reading Isaiah 6: 1-8 Cathy Whitley
 (Common English Bible)

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other, saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of heavenly forces! All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the LORD of heavenly forces!" Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?"

I said, "I'm here; send me."

***Hymn** "Holy, Holy, Holy" page 3

***Opening Prayer** Cathy Whitley

Ordination of Jeremy Lovell as Deacon Rev. Horton

Young Disciples Rev. Evan Sieges & Alane Holste

Call to Confession Rev. Horton

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess to you that we are a people of unclean lips: we have complained aloud; we have spoken harshly to others; we have responded with sarcasm or apathy. Forgive us, Merciful God. We know that our lips reflect our hearts. O God, we ask that you create us to be people of grateful hearts: Help us speak kindly to others; Exercise patience and listen intently. Thank You Merciful God for your patience; for your kindness; for your joy. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response in Song

“Christ Be Our Light”

Ellen Peterson

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Horton

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

“Spirit of God, Abide with Me”

arr. Philip Kern

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.

Stoop to my weakness mighty as Thou art and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Abide with me. Help of the helpless, O abide with me. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart!

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
(Common English Bible)

Rev. Horton

Brothers and sisters, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, which you also received and in which you stand. You are being saved through it if you hold on to the message I preached to you, unless somehow you believed it for nothing. I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures, he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures. He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve, and then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at once—most of them are still alive to this day, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me. So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

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

LITURGIST: Cathy Whitley

DIGITAL MEDIA TECH: Kivi & Jia Miller

SOUND TECH: John Gray

ACOLYTE: Lucas Peterson **BIBLE STEWARD:** Ethan Lovell

USHERS: Raeann Allred, James Gray, Lisa Nelson, Michell Winters

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Alane Holste

CELEBRATIONS

FEBUARY BIRTHDAYS:

7th...Haylee Hutcheson

9th...Ethan Lovell

12th...Ann Hoffman

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

9th...Mike & Lynn Brown

10th...Mike & Bonita Hooper

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Alane Holste, Myrtle Latimer (recovering at home), Kathleen Danze (recovering at home), Cheryl Walser (recovering at home), Susie Smith & Family, Alisa Johnson

MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner, Lee & Ellen Bouchard, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jeff Hutchens, Marguerite Leonard, Deanna Michael, John Potts & Janette Neal, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

OUR FRIENDS:

*The Family of Ken and Curtis Holmes (neighbors of Jerry & Patti Lovell), *The family of Glenn York (Friends of Alane Holste), Steve Ketner (Charm Ketner's husband), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Earl Parker (Rev. Elizabeth Horton's father), Jimmy Grubb (Rev. June Grubb's brother), Roger and Debbie Byerly (friends Alane Holste and Robin Champion), Family of Tommy Nelson (friend of Robin Champion), Jody Jacobs (cousin to Robin Champion), Cynthia Adams (friend to Robin Champion), John Ray Ward (Patti Lovell's brother-in-law), The Family of Ken Holmes (neighbors of Jerry & Patti Lovell, Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye, Ashley Thomason (Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 6:

9:30AM Adult Bible Study via Zoom:
 "Hold Firmly" 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Facilitator: June Grubb)

10:30AM Worship Service (in person and via YouTube)

10:45AM Children's Worship: Rev. Sieges & Alane Holste (Theater Room)

Following Worship

Prayer Circle

11:45AM Consistory Meeting

6:00PM Youth Meeting (Youth Room)

Tuesday, February 8:

12:00PM 2CFAR (via Zoom)

7:00PM Book Study "The Book of Joy" (via Zoom)

Wednesday, February 9:

6:30PM Choir Practice

Children's Fun and Games: Renee White (Fellowship Hall)

Youth Study: Rev. Evan & Frankie Hedrick (Youth Room)

Thursday, February 10:

4-6:00PM Clothing Ministry Workday

Saturday, February 12:

12:30PM Saturday Lunch Ministry (Kitchen)

Sunday, February 13:

9:30AM Adult Bible Study via Zoom:
 "The First Fruits" 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (Facilitator: Smithie Parrish)

10:30AM Worship Service (in person and via YouTube)

10:45AM Children's Worship: Rev. Sieges & Cathy Browder (Theater Room)

11:45AM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A Time to Connect

Following worship our congregation will meet with our 2022 Consistory to celebrate ministries fulfilled in 2021 and focus on current ministries and how we can connect in 2022.

Following Worship

Prayer Circle

6:00PM Youth Meeting (Youth Room)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts — Isaiah 6:3 KJV



WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Horton

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Sermon

"Love Is: Rekindling the Flame"

Rev. Horton

*Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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Service of Holy Communion

Rev. Horton

God be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

Serving the Bread and Cup

You may eat and drink when you have been served.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Call to Serve and to Give

Prayer of Dedication

Cathy Whitley

*Benediction

Rev. Horton

Postlude

Christopher Kiser

~ Please remain seated until the ushers direct you to exit. ~

After the service, you are invited to join in the Prayer Circle in the front of the sanctuary.

Let Us Break Bread Together

"This is my body, which is for you" — 1 Corinthians 11:24 NIV

Unison

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees,
2. Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees,
3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees,

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees;
Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

WORDS: Spiritual
MUSIC: Spiritual; arr. William J. Reynolds, 1920-

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