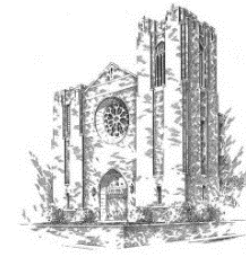


FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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.



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

February 27, 2022
The Worship of God

Transfiguration Sunday
Girl Scout Sunday

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 27: Transfiguration Sunday...Girl Scout Sunday

- 9:15AM Adult Bible Study via Zoom:**
"Seeing the Glory" 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (Facilitator: June Grubb)
Jesus' temptation in the Wilderness
- 10:30AM Worship Service** (in person and via YouTube)
- 10:45AM Children's Worship:** Rev. Sieges & **Volunteer Needed** (Theater Room)
- Following Worship: Prayer Circle**
- 6:00PM Youth Meeting:** **Volunteer Needed** (Youth Room)

Tuesday, March 1

- 12:00PM 2CFAR** (via Zoom)
- 6:30PM Parlor Committee Meeting**
- 7:00PM Book Study** "The Book of Joy" (via Zoom)

Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday

- 12-1:00PM Walk-in Imposition of Ashes** (Sanctuary)
- 6:30PM Choir, Children & Youth Meet for Ash Wednesday Service** (Youth Volunteer: Jeremy Lovell)
- 7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service**
(St. Stephen's Church will join us in our Sanctuary for this service)

Thursday, March 3:

- 4-6:00PM Clothing Ministry Workday**

Saturday, March 5

- 10-12:00 Garden Workday**
- 12:30PM Lunch Ministry** (Kitchen)

Sunday, March 6: First Sunday of Lent...Holy Communion

- 9:15AM Adult Bible Study via Zoom:**
"Under the Wings" Luke 13:31-35 (Facilitator: Eddie Yates)
Mother Hen Gathers Her Brood
- 10:30AM Worship Service** (in person and via YouTube)
- 10:45AM Children's Worship:** Rev. Sieges & **Volunteer Needed** (Theater Room)
- Following Worship: Prayer Circle**
- 6:00PM Youth Meeting:** Rev. Sieges & Jeremy Lovell (Youth Room)

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*Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Christopher Kiser

***Chiming of the Hour**

Anthem

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Arr. Raney

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. Now I see, now I see.
 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
 My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
 And like a flood, his mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.
 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
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Words of Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

***Hymn**

"Gather Us In "

Insert

***Call to Worship**

Chloe Redfern

In a world that cries out, "Fear me!"...
 We will listen to Jesus' words, "Don't be afraid!"
 In a world that wants us to hate the other...
 We will live Jesus' call to, "Love God. Love your neighbor, as you love yourself."
 In a world that is filled with extremes...
 We, too, will be extreme.
 Extreme with our hospitality.
 Extreme with our hope.
 Extreme with our love.
 Then come to this place, ready to be who we are called to be.
 Let us gather together and worship God.

***Invocation**

Rev. Horton

Young Disciples

Rev. Evan Sieges

Call to Confession

Rev. Horton

Prayer of Confession

**God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves.
 Keep calling us down from our mountains of excess, greed, and selfishness.
 Keep expecting more of us as your disciples.
 Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness and Sharing the Peace of Christ

***Hymn** "Will You Come and Follow Me" Insert

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 22: 1-5 Alyson McSparin
Common English Bible

The Lord proclaims: Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and declare this message: Listen to the Lord's word, king of Judah, you who sit on David's throne—you and your attendants, and all those who go through these gates. The Lord proclaims: Do what is just and right; rescue the oppressed from the power of the oppressor. Don't exploit or mistreat the refugee, the orphan, and the widow. Don't spill the blood of the innocent in this place. If you obey this command, then through the gates of this palace will come kings who occupy the throne of David, riding on chariots and horses along with their entourage and subjects. But if you ignore these words, I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that this palace will become a ruin.

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

Girl Scout Law, the Girl Scout Gold Award, and Troop Update Jianna Miller

Girl Scout Law
I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Girl Scout Gold Award
After the service as you exit, Troop 2160 invites you to support their Gold Award projects by placing a donation in the basket marked "Gold Award Fund." This is also your last chance to purchase Girl Scout cookies at church.

Prayer of Dedication for Gifts and Time Given Emma McSparin and Kiara Lewis
Lord, help each of us live by the Girl Scout law as we do Your work in the world.
Help us respect and love our neighbors and never be unjust.
Help us love all people of the world, and to serve our communities, especially those in need.
Help our actions to count, Dear Lord, in everything we do.
Give us strength to use these gifts to carry on your good work and to do our part each day.
May our gifts and acts of service and compassion bring more love, justice, and equality into Your world. Amen

Scripture Luke 9:28-38 Rev, Horton
Common English Bible

About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

Sermon "Love Is: Constant Change"

Response in Song "Transfigure Me" Ellen Peterson

Call to Serve and to Give Rev. Horton

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Horton

***Benediction**

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.

THANK YOU, GIRL SCOUTS!

We appreciate the help of Girl Scout Troop 2160 in our worship this morning.

This is the last Sunday Girl Scouts 2160 will sell Girl Scout cookies at church. They are \$5 per box.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Ron & Heidi Hutcheson and Family, Kathleen Danze and Family, Tammy Rhodes (recovering at home), Alane Holste, Myrtle Latimer, Kathleen Danze, Cheryl Walser, Alisa Johnson

MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

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

OUR FRIENDS:

*Cindy Tatum (friend of Jerry & Patti Lovell), The Family of Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Beth Wrenn (friend of Patti Lovell), The Family of Ken and Curtis Holmes (neighbors of Jerry & Patti Lovell), The family of Glenn York (friends of Alane Holste), Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

LITURGIST: Girl Scout Troop 2160 **DIGITAL MEDIA TECH:** Jeremy Peterson **SOUND TECH:** John Gray
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: TBD **ACOLYTE:** Lucas Peterson **BIBLE STEWARD:** Ethan Lovell
USHERS: Raeann Allred, James Gray, Clifton Murphy

CELEBRATIONS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:**
27th...Cliff Lopp **28th...**Jerry & Aurelia Smith

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

1st...Ann Kirkman
2nd...Vicky Gray
3rd...Corinne Gray
4th...Emma West
5th...Charyl Clark
Tony Peele

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.)

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
 2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 we are the old — who yearn for your face,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
 now is the King - dom, now is the day. _____



Gath - er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in — the
 Gath - er us in — the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in — the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in — all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. _____
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

Will You Come and Follow Me

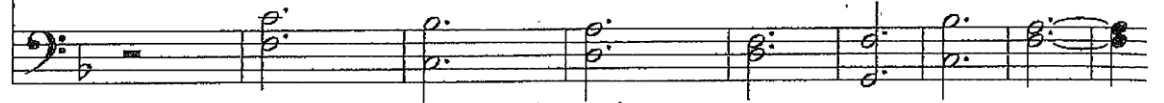
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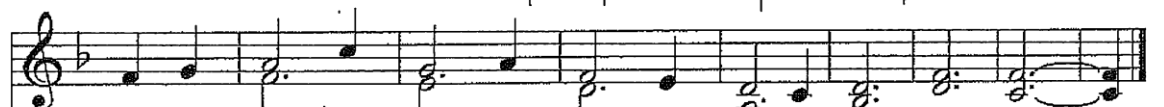
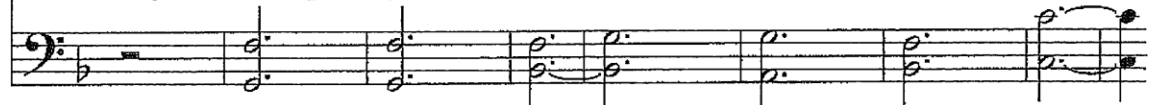
1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 ♦ 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Christ, your sum - mons e - choes true when you but call my name.



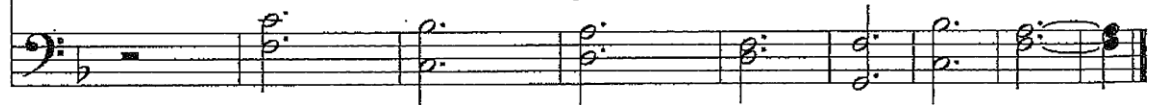
Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 ♦ Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 ♦ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 ♦ and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.



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