

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

- 9:15AM **Adult Bible Study via Zoom:**
"An Opportune Time" Luke 4:1-13 (Facilitator: Smithie Parrish)
Jesus' temptation in the Wilderness
- 10:30AM **Worship Service** (in person and via YouTube)
- 10:45AM **Children's Worship:** Rev. Sieges & Smithie Parrish (Theater Room)
- Following Worship: Prayer Circle
- 6:00PM **Youth Meeting:** Rev. Sieges & Jeremy Lovell (Youth Room)

Tuesday, March 8

- 12:00PM **2CFAR (via Zoom)**
- 7:00PM **Book Study** "The Book of Joy" (via Zoom)

Wednesday, March 10

- 10:00AM **Meeting: Evangelism Subcommittee on Church Promotion** (Parlor)
- 6:00PM **Supper in the Fellowship Hall (Please bring Your Own Meal)**
- 6:30-7:30PM **Mid-Week Vespers** (Parlor)
- 6:30PM **Choir**
- Children's Fun & Activities** (Volunteer: Patti Lovell & **Volunteer Needed**)
- Youth Study** (Rev. Sieges & Dave Fulton)

Thursday, March 10:

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

Saturday, March 12

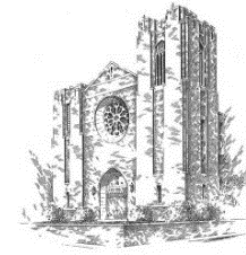
- 12:30PM **Lunch Ministry** (Kitchen)

DON'T FORGET TO TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE BEDTIME...DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS TOMORROW

Sunday, March 13: Second Sunday of Lent

- 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 & Cathy Browder (Theater Room)
- Following Worship: Prayer Circle
- 6:00PM **Youth Meeting:** Rev. Sieges & Cathy Browder (Youth Room)
- 11:45AM **Consistory Meeting** (Fellowship Hall)

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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

March 6, 2022

The Worship of God

First Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Christopher Kiser

Anthem

"Tell the Story of Jesus)"

Arr. Larson

(Duet: Ellen & Lucas Peterson)

Tell the story of Jesus. How He came to forgive and save us.

Tell the wonderful story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longing as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Tell the story of Jesus. How He came to forgive and save us.

Tell the wonderful story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Tell the story of Jesus. How He came to forgive and save us.

Tell the wonderful story of Jesus and His love.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

*Responsive Call to Worship

Marge Doty

We come together to remember and share the stories of our faith; rejoice in the goodness of the loving God.

Before our lives began, there was God. Through all our days, God walks with us.

Worship the one who gives and sustains life. Sing praises to the one who is our refuge. There is no place we can go where God is not. Amid life's fears, God's promises hold true.

Let us rejoice that we call out and God answers! Praise be forever to God, our Creator!

*Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Insert

*Invocation

Marge Doty

Young Disciples

Rev. Evan Sieges & Smithie Parrish

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

(Common English Bible)

Marge Doty

Once you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and are settled there, take some of the early produce of the fertile ground that you have harvested from the land the LORD your God is giving you, and put it in a basket. Then go to the location the LORD your God selects for his name to reside. Go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, "I am declaring right now before the LORD my God that I have indeed arrived in the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

The priest will then take the basket from you and place it before the LORD your God's altar. Then you should solemnly state before the LORD your God, "My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. The Egyptians treated us terribly, oppressing us and forcing hard labor on us. So, we cried out for help to the LORD, our ancestors' God. The LORD heard our call. God saw our misery, our trouble, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land—a land full of milk and honey. So now I am bringing the early produce of the fertile ground that you, LORD, have given me."

Set the produce before the LORD your God, bowing down before the LORD your God. Then celebrate all the good things the LORD your God has done for you and your family—each one of you along with the Levites and the immigrants who are among you.

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

Prayers of the People 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.

Scripture

Luke 4:1-13
Common English Bible

Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. The devil said to him, "Since you are God's Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

Jesus replied, "It's written, *People won't live only by bread.*"

Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said, "I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these kingdoms. It's been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It's written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*"

The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here; for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone.*"

Jesus answered, "It's been said, *Don't test the Lord your God.*" After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from him until the next opportunity.

Sermon

"Here You Are: The Promised Land"

Hymn

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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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

Rev. Horton

Prayer of Dedication

Marge Doty

*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 Intercessory 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

*Joyce Phillips, *Tony Peele, Tammy Rhodes (recovering at home), Myrtle Latimer, Kathleen Danze, Cheryl Walsler, 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:

*Wendi Greene (Bill Robbins' sister), Cindy Tatum (friend of Jerry & Patti Lovell), The Family of Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Beth Wrenn (friend of Patti Lovell), Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

LITURGIST: Marge Doty

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Smithie Parrish

DIGITAL MEDIA TECH: Kivi & Jia Miller

SOUND TECH: Dave Fulton

ACOLYTE: Parker Horton

BIBLE STEWARD: Patrick Horton

USHERS: Lisa Nelson, John Smith, Ted Smith, Michell Winters

CELEBRATIONS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

6th...Rylee Grzech

11th...Ron & Heidi Hutcheson

12th...Brian McKerlie

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

This God is our God . . . he will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren land;
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but thou art might - y— hold me with thy power - ful hand:
 let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through:
 death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side:

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
 Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
 shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; tr. Peter Williams and William Williams, 1771, 1772
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

"Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." Mt. 8:19.

Unison

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
 3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
 4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
 with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 Je - sus?— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

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