

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 17: EASTER SUNDAY

10:00AM Children and youth gather in front of the sanctuary for some Easter Fun

10:30AM WORSHIP

AFTER WORSHIP: Meet outside the front of the sanctuary for Easter Egg Hunt and Social

MONDAY, APRIL 18: Easter Monday...CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

7:00PM NAMI Family Support Group via Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 19:

12:00PM Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race (2CFAR) via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20:

6:30PM **Choir WILL NOT MEET**
Children's Fun & Activities: Marge Doty & Volunteer Needed
Youth Study: Rev Sieges & Volunteer Needed

THURSDAY, APRIL 21:

4-6:00PM Clothing Ministry Workday

6:30PM PFLAG Meeting (Parlor)

SATURDAY, APRIL 23:

NO SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY, BUT THE BLESSING BOX WILL BE FILLED

SUNDAY, APRIL 24:

10:30AM **Worship Service for Blue Sunday Day of Prayer**
 (in person and via YouTube)

Special Speakers:

Lexington Police Chief Robby Rummage and
 Dragonfly House Executive Director, Brandi Reagan

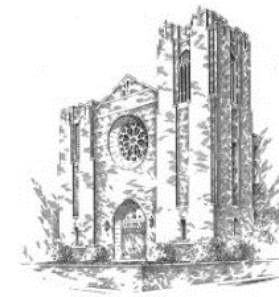
6:00PM **Youth Group:** Rev. Sieges & Volunteer Needed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

SUNDAY, May 1: FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

Reception to honor Paula Lopp and Carolyn Robbins

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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

April 17, 2022
The Worship of God
 Easter Sunday

WHEN YOU HEAR "ALLELUIA," MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

**Please stand as you are able*

Easter Musical Fanfare

Christopher Kiser

Prelude

"Christ Is Alive"
 arr. Jason Payne

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Easter Proclamation**

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Could it be? The tomb is empty? Christ is not among the dead?

Christ is Risen! Christ has risen indeed!

The tomb is empty! Death does not have the final word!

Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Today brings Good News! Hope triumphs despair! Love pushes aside Fear.

Thanks be to God. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

***Hymn**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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Welcome

Rev. Horton

Opening Prayer

Rev. June Grubb

Young Disciples

Rev. Evan Sieges

Call to Rejoice!

Ethan Lovell

This is the day that God has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We gather today to shout, "Alleluia!"

Out of the doom of death and despair, victory comes, glory appears.

We gather today to shout, "Alleluia!"

We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds of the God whose love endures forever.

We gather today to shout, "Alleluia! Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!"

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118: 1, 22-24
(NRSV)

Rev. Grubb

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

Anthem

"This Is the Time to Sing"

Mary McDonald

*There was a time when all the earth was in darkness.
There was a cross where Jesus suffered and died.
There was a tomb where they carried His body, after He was crucified.

Then came the morning of the third day, rejoicing,
seeing the stone was rolled away from the grave.
"He is not here. He is risen!" they cried out. Death has overcome the grave!

This is the time to sing; for all bells to ring.
He is alive! He is alive! Alleluia!
Now is the time to sing and be rejoicing! This, this is the time to sing!

Come and rejoice! Lift your voices in gladness;
For on the cross our debt was paid!
Let us rejoice, for we cannot keep silent. This is the day the Lord has made!

This is the time to sing; for all bells to ring. He is alive! He is alive! Alleluia!
Now is the time to sing and be rejoicing! This, this is the time to sing, to sing!
This, this is the time for all the bells to ring. He is alive, He is alive! Alleluia!
Now is the time to sing and be rejoicing! This, this is the time to sing!
This, this is the time to sing! To sing! This is the time to sing!*

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.

***Hymn**

"The Day of Resurrection"

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Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 1-12
(Common English Bible)

Rev. Horton

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't

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.

FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH

The Altar flowers are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Buck & Thelma Hedrick and Buck, Jr. & Ronnie Hedrick; given by Martha and Pete Moore & Family.

The plant on the small table on the left side of the Chancel is to the Glory of God and in honor of Sherry Sink Bonner; given by her aunt, Marguerite Leonard.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Vogen Everhart (recent fall), Jeff Hutchens, Thomas Phillips, Bonita Hooper, Lee Bouchard, Myrtle Latimer

MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES: Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner, Ellen Bouchard, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Gerri Hill, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Deanna Michael, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

OUR FRIENDS: Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell's daughter), Janice Mullineaux (Cathy Browder's mother), Charm & Steve Ketner, Marc Frye (friend of the congregation)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

LITURGIST: Rev. June Grubb & Ethan Lovell

SOUND TECH: James Gray

DIGITAL MEDIA TECH: Jeremy Peterson

ACOLYTE: Emma Hartle

BIBLE STEWARD: Jacob Hartle

USHERS: Lisa Nelson, John Smith, Michell Winters, Eddie Yates

CELEBRATIONS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

18th...Amy Smith Golden

20th...Cynthia Crowell Little

22nd...Nadia Freeman

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

17th...Mike & Laura Perry

21st...Casey & Keri Hartle

PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! Applications are available at all of the area high schools. **The deadline for applications is April 22.**

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Low In The Grave He Lay

Slowly and Quiet

1. Low in the grave He lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the com - ing day—
 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they seal the dead—
 3. Death can - not keep His prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the bars a - way—

Chorus (Quickly and Loud)

Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose with a
 Je - sus, my Lord! He a - rose
 Je - sus, my Lord!

might - y tri - umph o'er His foes; He a - rose a Vic - tor from the
 He a - rose,

dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign:

He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a - rose! He a - rose!

Words and Music by Robert Lowry

here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

Sermon

"From the Tomb"

*Hymn

"Low in the Grave, He Lay"

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Call to Serve and to Give

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Grubb

*Benediction

Congregational Response

(Tune: "Ode to Joy")

Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to God on High;
 Alleluia! to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
 Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
 Alleluia, Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

*Join us following the service
 for the Easter Egg Hunt and Social*

BLUE SUNDAY DAY OF PRAYER...APRIL 24, 2022...FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. Next Sunday we will come together as one to hold up in prayer all those who have been the victim of child abuse. Our church, The Dragonfly House, The Lexington Police Department and other members of the community share in our efforts to raise awareness, hope and healing through prayer. We invite you to join us as we pray for abused children everywhere and those who help rescue them.

During our 10:30 Worship Service, we will have guest speakers...Brandi Reagan, Executive Director of The Dragonfly House Children's Advocacy Center and Lexington Police Chief, Robby Rummage. Following the worship, members of the congregation and community are invited to participate in a prayer walk from FRUCC to the Lexington square and back to the church green space. Participants are encouraged to walk with a blue flag during this time to symbolize one of 400+ child abuse victims in the community, who were seen at the Dragonfly House last year. Members of The Lexington Police Department will be present to participate in and assist in the event. Chief Rummage will coordinate those staff members who are able to participate. Once at FRUCC green space, we will place the flags in the ground to honor the children.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

He has risen from the dead ... you will see him — Matthew 28:7 NIV

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O Grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias

The Day of Resurrection

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" — Luke 24:5-6 NIV

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful! Let earth her song be - gin!

The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 The world re - sound in tri - umph, And all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, From earth un - to the sky,
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;

Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
 For Christ the Lord hath ris - en, Our joy that hath no end.

WORDS: John of Damascus, - c. 780; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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