

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, May 1: Holy Communion
 9:30AM Adult Sunday School (Parlor)
 "Who Are You Lord?" Acts 9:1-6 Facilitator: June Grubb
 10:30AM Worship Service...Holy Communion
 10:45AM Young Disciples and Children's Church Volunteer Needed

FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Reception to honor Paula Lopp and Carolyn Robbins
 6:00PM Youth Group: Rev. Sieges & Volunteer Needed

MONDAY, May 2:
 6-7:00PM Clothes Ministry Give-Away
 7:00PM NAMI Family Support Group (via Zoom)

TUESDAY, May 3:
 12:00PM Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race (2CFAR) via Zoom & in Parlor
 7:00PM Adult Book Study via Zoom
 A new study begins for "His Truth Is Marching On" by Jon Meacham

WEDNESDAY, May 4:
 10:00AM Church Promotion Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 6:30PM Choir Practice
 Children's Fun & Activities: 2 Volunteers Needed
 Youth Study: Rev. Evan Sieges & Dave Fulton

THURSDAY, May 5:
 4-6:00PM Clothing Ministry Workday

FRIDAY, May 6:
 5:30PM Confirmation Class

SUNDAY, May 8: Mother's Day
 9:30AM Adult Sunday School (Parlor)
 "Get Up!" (Acts 9:36-43) Facilitators: Jay and Cathy Whitley
 10:30AM Worship Service: In the Pulpit – Rev. Evan Sieges
 10:45AM Young Disciples

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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

May 1, 2022
The Worship of God
Holy Communion Sunday

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude "How Great Thou Art" (arr. Dan Miller) Christopher Kiser

***Chiming of the Hour**

Welcome Rev. Horton

Anthem "Feed Me, Lord" Arr. Liebergen

*Feed me, Lord, feed me, Lord, give me peace restored.
 Cleanse my soul, make me whole, Lamb of God adored.
 Broken bread, sacred cup, these I share today.
 Take my life, heal my strife, Lord, show me the way, the way.
 Feed me, Lord, feed me, Lord, give me peace restored.
 Cleanse my soul, make me whole, Lamb of God adored.*

*Feed me, Lord, feed me, Lord, feed me, Lord from above, come to me.
 The living bread now sets me free with God's eternal love.
 Amazing Grace removes my pain; the cup I long to share, long to share;
 Feed me, Lord, feed me. I live within Your care.
 Feed me, Lord, feed me. Lord, Lamb of God adored*

Call to Worship Dave Fulton

Holy One, Provider, our ever-present help:
In our emptiness, you remind us of your presence.
 In your abundance, you remind us you are here.
With a love that conquers death, you remind us we are yours.
 O God of new beginnings and sacred endings,
we come seeking possibilities and renewal.
On the dawn of this new day, let us worship in hope and with grace.

***Hymn** "Morning Has Broken" Page 4

***Invocation** Dave Fulton

Young Disciples and Children's Church Rev. Evan Sieges

Scripture Reading

Psalm 30 (Common English Bible)

Dave Fulton

I exalt you, Lord, because you pulled me up; you didn't let my enemies celebrate over me. Lord, my God, I cried out to you for help, and you healed me. Lord, you brought me up from the grave, brought me back to life from among those going down to the pit. You who are faithful to the Lord, sing praises to him; give thanks to his holy name! His anger lasts for only a second, but his favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Horton

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn

"Blessed Assurance" (v. 1 & 3)

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Words of Gratitude

Rev. Horton

Presentation of Gifts

John Gray, Consistory President

A Prayer of Blessing upon Retirement

Rev. Horton

Gospel Reading

John 21:15-19 (Common English Bible)

When Jesus and the disciples finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." Jesus asked a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." He asked a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?"

He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don't want to go." He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.

After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

Sermon

"Follow God"

Holy Communion

Rev. Horton

LEXINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

Lexington Choral Society, under the direction of our choir director, Ellen Peterson, will present "**Love Is...A Spring Sing Concert**" on Sunday, May 1 at 3:00PM at First United Methodist Church. This concert is free and open to the public.



CLOTHES MINISTRY GIVE-AWAY

Open Hands Ministry will begin a **MEAL, MINISTRY, and MUSIC** event serving dinner outside at St. Stephen UMC on Monday nights, beginning May 9 at 6:30pm. Our Clothes Ministry give-a-way will be open from 6-7:00pm on Mondays to assist those in need. To volunteer to help serve the meal or help with the Clothes Ministry, please contact John Maze. (704-524-6462)

NAMI OF DAVIDSON COUNTY

Do you have a loved one with mental illness? You are not alone. Family support groups will be available here in Davidson County for family of those living with mental illness. **Family Support Groups are** offered free of charge for family members of someone diagnosed with or suspected of having a mental illness. The support group will be led by Cathy & Joe Browder. They are local residents and have experience loving a family member with a mental health condition.

Cathy and Joe are trained by NAMI as facilitators to help support and encourage others as they seek to help their loved ones. **The Family Support Group meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7pm via Zoom.**

To ask questions and get Zoom information, please email Cathy at NAMIDavidsonCounty1@gmail.com

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED



Drivers Needed

Drivers are needed to deliver meals. Please contact Alisa Johnson if you can help. (336-357-0648)

Morning Has Broken

In the morning you will see the glory of the Lord. Ex. 16:7

Unison

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 horn of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931
 MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans, 1927

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Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Is anyone happy? . . . Sing songs of praise. Jas. 5:13

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Refrain

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873
 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

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