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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday,
9-1 Walk-ins Welcome
1– 1:30 Closed for Lunch
1:30 – 5 Please call ahead or make an appointment

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Leader or All

G Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, expect extravagant welcomes here.

Mau 15, 2022
The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Graduation & Milestone Day

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Christopher Kiser

***Chiming of the Hour**

Welcome

Rev. Horton

***Hymn**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun - tains rise,
2 I sing the good - ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea - tures through the Word, and then pro - nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy
skies. I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery - where that we can be, thou, God, art pres - ent there.

Call to Worship

Alane Holste

Jesus has given us a new commandment:
We are commanded to love one another.
Just as Christ has loved us,
So we ought to have love for one another.
By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples:
By our love for one another.
Come, may we join our hearts in worship:
Worship God by loving one another.

***Invocation**

Alane Holste

Prayer of Confession Rev. Horton

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us,
The prejudice that blinds us,
The ignorance that hobbles us,
The doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
Find courage in unlikely places,
See the world with new and gracious eyes,
Move to those places where love is needed,
Have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29: 11-14 Alane Holste

"I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. "When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. "When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. "I will be present for you, declares the LORD.

Young Disciples Rev. Evan Sieges

Celebrating Milestones

From Elementary School Emma Hartle and Lucas Peterson
From Middle School Patrick Horton
From High School Sam West
(attending NC School of Math and Sciences)

Celebrating Graduations

Ava Miller Yadkin Valley High School and
Davidson-Davie Community College
(Attending North Carolina State University)

*Ava Rey Miller is this year's recipient of the Vernon Gaston Price
Memorial Scholarship*

Ben Hale Catawba College
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Keri Hartle Cabarrus College of Health Sciences
Bachelor in Medical Imaging

Prayer of Blessing Rev. Evan Sieges

Anthem I Shall Not Be Afraid Mock/arrg. Lopez

Whom shall I fear when God is with me?
Whom shall I fear? He shields me in love!
His presence surrounds me completely,
I shall not be afraid.

*Hymn I, the Lord of Sea and Sky Back Page

Scripture Reading John 13: 31-35 Rev. Horton

³¹When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Human One^[a] has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One^[b] in himself and will glorify him immediately. ³³Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—"Where I'm going, you can't come."

³⁴"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. ³⁵This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

Sermon All You Need is Love Rev. Horton

The Call to Give and to Serve Rev. Horton

*Prayer of Dedication Alane Holste

*Benediction Rev. Horton

Congregational Response "Go, My Children"

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Postlude Christopher Kiser

TO HOLD IN PRAYER

HOSPITAL: Lynn McCarn, Joe Browder

IN CARE FACILITIES: Vogen Everheart, Sherry Bonner, Margarite Leonard, Patti Everhart

AT HOME: J.W. Bates, Peggy Bates, Lee & Ellen Bouchard, Ruth Essick, Gerri Hill, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jeff Hutchens, Myrtle Latimer, Deanna Michael, Carolyn Spivey, Bonita Hooper

OUR FRIENDS: Franklin Waters (Cathy Whitley's father), Yvonne Dobey (Frankie Hedrick's sister), Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell's daughter), Janice Mullineaux (Cathy Browder's mother), Charm & Steve Ketner, Marc Frye (friend of the congregation), Scott Mooney (cousin of Lee Ann Peele)

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.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Graduation & Milestone Sunday, May 15

9:30am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service (Reception following)
Consistory Meeting
6:00pm Youth Group

Monday, May 16

7:00pm NAMI Family Support Group (online)

Tuesday, May 17

6:00am Primary Elections Voting at FRUCC
(in fellowship hall)
12:00pm Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race
2CFAR (Parlor & online)
7:00pm Adult Book Study (online)
His Truth is Marching On by Jon Meacham

Wednesday, May 18

6:30pm Choir Practice
Children's Fun & Activities
Youth Study

Thursday, May 19

4-6:00pm Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement
6:30pm PFLAG (parlor)

Saturday, May 21

12:00pm Saturday Lunch Ministry

Sunday, May 15 Confirmation Sunday

9:30am Adult Sunday school
10:30am Worship Service
6:00pm Youth Group

Looking Forward

May 23 Women's Life Fellowship Meeting
May 26 Red Cross Blood Drive at FRUCC
June 12 First Reformed Church Picnic at Wildcat Farm
Gather at 10:30am, Service at 11am, lunch following

Wednesday - May 25th

Charles England Elementary Hotdog Lunch

~ WE NEED YOU ~

First Reformed UCC is hosting a hotdog lunch for the students at Charles England Elementary. We need 4-5 volunteers to serve food, and food donations of hotdogs (for 100 students), individually bagged chips, juice boxes and condiments. BUN's have been donated. Please contact Jay Whitley to volunteer or donate food. (336-749-2566)