

**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.



THANK YOU FOR SERVING

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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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Be Thou My Vison

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) Ab (D) Eb (F#m7) Gm7 (G) Ab (A) Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D) Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has
a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.



June 26, 2022
The Worship of God
Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude Great is Thy Faithfulness (arr. Marianne Kim) Christopher Kiser

In this time, allow yourself to settle your mind and center your spirit as worship begins.

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Song of Joy** This is the Day THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice. We will rejoice. And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

This is the day, this is the day, that the Spirit came, that the spirit came.
We will rejoice. We will rejoice. And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Spirit came. We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day that the Spirit came.

Welcome Rev. Horton

***Hymn** Be Thou My Vision Back Pg.

Invocation

Scripture from Galatians 5 Doris Sink

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, and you won't carry out your selfish desires. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Prayer of Confession Rev. Horton

We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh.

We know the whole law is summed up to love our neighbor as ourselves, yet we create fences to keep neighbors outside. Even in our own back yard we "bite and devour" one another. Forgive our selfish ways. Have mercy upon us and turn us around, for the sake of the little ones, whose eyes are always watching us and whose ears are always listening to us.

Silent confession...

Song of Assurance God of the Deep (arr. Dan Forest) Emma West, soloist

"Each time I stand and wonder at the vastness of the sea, I know that there are mysteries too great and deep for me. The wide expanse of water reaches far beyond my sight, and yet I know the One to whom its depths are full of light."

Young Disciples

Rev. Horton

Service of Baptism and Reception of New Members

Selah Ryan Ball, Camill Ball and Casey Ball

Invitation

Pledges of God and to One Another

To the Parents:

Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Will you encourage her to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, to renounce the powers of greed, hatred, selfishness and oppression, and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to show love and justice and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with Selah in the Christian faith, to help her be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by furthering Christ's mission in the world, and by offering the nurture of the Church so that she may affirm her baptism when she grows older?

To the Congregation:

One: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to Selah and her parents as they live and grow in Christ?

All: We promise our support, love and care.

*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Blessing and Pouring of Water

The Act of Baptism and Prayer for the Baptized

*Hymn

Child of Blessing Child of Promise

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Scripture

2 Kings 2:1-14

Rev. Horton

⁶ Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you live, I won't leave you." So both of them went on together. ⁷ Fifty members from the group of prophets also went along, but they stood at a distance. Both Elijah and Elisha stood beside the Jordan River. ⁸ Elijah then took his coat, rolled it up, and hit the water. Then the water was divided in two! Both of them crossed over on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "What do you want me to do for you before I'm taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Let me have twice your spirit." ¹⁰ Elijah said, "You've made a difficult request. If you can see me when I'm taken from you, then it will be yours. If you don't see me, it won't happen." "They were walking along, talking, when suddenly a fiery chariot and fiery horses appeared and separated the two of them. Then Elijah went to heaven in a windstorm

Sermon

The Edges of Our Faith: In the Depths

Rev. Horton

The Call to Give and to Serve

Rev. Horton

If you would like to support the ministries of First Reformed, you'll find offering plates in the narthex or you can give online at www.frucc.org/give.

*Prayer of Dedication

Doris Sink

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God all creatures here below!

O praise God! Alleluia!

Praise, Holy Spirit, Comforter,

One God Triune whom we adore.

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Benediction

Rev. Horton

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (arr. Gina Sprunger) Christopher Kiser

Please stay seated

and enjoy a time of reflection as the worship service concludes

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

FRUCC will take offerings for this fund 6/26 & 7/3



The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

Emma West at FRUCC - TODAY at 2:00pm

Join Emma West in her second performance of her Junior Recital. Attendees can expect an afternoon of music spanning centuries of repertoire with selections in French, Italian, German, and English. Emma will be accompanied by her first voice and piano teacher, Bruce Tippet. The program is expected to run approximately 30-45 minutes and will be in the sanctuary.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 6/26	3rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:30am	Adult Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service
2:00pm	Emma West Recital at FRUCC
6:00pm	Youth Group
Monday, 6/27	
6:00pm	Clothing Ministry open during Open Hands Ministry (St. Stephen) NAMI Family Support Group (online)
7:00pm	
Tuesday, 6/28	
12:00pm	Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race 2CFAR (Parlor & online)
7:00pm	Adult Book Study (online) <i>His Truth is Marching On</i> by Jon Meacham
Thursday, 6/30	
4-6:00pm	Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement
Saturday, 7/2	
12:00pm	Saturday Lunch Ministry
Sunday, 7/3	3rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:30am	Adult Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service
6:00pm	Youth Group

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please hold in prayer safe travels for Girl Scout Troop 2160 as they fly to Belize today, June 26, and back on Sunday, July 3.

Jimbo Hinkle, Lynn McCarn, Bonita Hooper, Jeff Hutchens, Steve Ketner (recent surgery)

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

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

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), Marc Frye (friend of the congregation), Scott Mooney (cousin of Lee Ann Peele)

*We extend sympathy to Sylvia Walser
in death of her brother Nolan.*