

**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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Please visit our website: www.frucc.org

God of Grace, God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

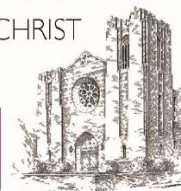
pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.



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



July 3, 2022
The Worship of God
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude Does Jesus Care (arr. Duane Ream) Christopher Kiser

***Chiming of the Hour**

Introit Ellen Peterson

Welcome Rev. Horton

Call to Worship Camille Morgan

L: We are called together this day to praise God.
P: **We ask that God will put us in pathways to service to others.**
L: The Lord will walk with us as we faithfully witness to Christ's love.
P: **Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your words and will.**
L: Come, let us worship God!
P: **Let us sing our praises to God our Redeemer and Healer... AMEN.**

***HYMN** God of Grace, God of Glory Back Page

***Invocation** Camille Morgan

Scripture Galatians 6: 1-10 Camille Morgan

Brothers and sisters, if a person is caught doing something wrong, you who are spiritual should restore someone like this with a spirit of gentleness. Watch out for yourselves so you won't be tempted too. ²Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³If anyone thinks they are important when they aren't, they're fooling themselves. ⁴Each person should test their own work and be happy with doing a good job and not compare themselves with others. ⁵Each person will have to carry their own load.

⁶Those who are taught the word should share all good things with their teacher. ⁷Make no mistake, God is not mocked. A person will harvest what they plant. ⁸Those who plant only for their own benefit will harvest devastation from their selfishness, but those who plant for the benefit of the Spirit will harvest eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up. ¹⁰So then, let's work for the good of all whenever we have an opportunity, and especially for those in the household of faith.

Prayer of Confession Rev. Horton

God of Grace and Glory, hear our prayer:
For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;
For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;
For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;
We pray for the courage to admit our fault, and
The strength to amend our actions. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Song of Assurance

I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got love like an ocean...
I've got joy like a fountain..

Young Disciples

Rev. Evan Sieges

Choir Anthem

America the Beautiful

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 5: 1-14

Rev. Horton

10 Elisha sent out a messenger who said to Naaman, "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored and become clean." 11 But Naaman went away in anger. He said, "I thought for sure that he'd come out, stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the bad spot, and cure the skin disease. 12 Aren't the rivers in Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all Israel's waters? Couldn't I wash in them and get clean?" So he turned away and proceeded to leave in anger.

13 Naaman's servants came up to him and spoke to him: "Our father, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, wouldn't you have done it? All he said to you was, 'Wash and become clean.'" 14 So Naaman went down and bathed in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. His skin was restored like that of a young boy, and he became clean.

Sermon

On the Edges of our Faith: In Need of Healing

Rev. Horton

Sharing in Holy Communion

One Bread, One Body

Ellen Peterson

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**

Camille Morgan

Doxology

LASST UNSERFREUEN

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

To God Be The Glory (arr. Joel Raney)

Christopher Kiser

~ Please stay seated and enjoy a time of reflection as the worship service concludes ~

Charles England Elementary School

Back-to-school Supply Kick-off

Every SUNDAY

throughout July to Mid-August.

Please bring your donations.

Boxes will be in the back of the sanctuary each Sunday for dropping items off.

You can also drop items off at the church office during the week.

Thank you all in advance for your support of this mission!

Ben Hale and Jay Whitley

Backpack Supplies

Crayola Crayons
Crayola colored pencils
Composition books
Spiral Notebook (wide-ruled)
Spiral Notebook (college ruled)
Wide Ruled loose-leaf paper
College ruled loose leaf paper
Ticonderoga pencils
Dry erase markers
Glue sticks
Kid scissors
Folders with and without prongs (if possible plastic)
Highlighters
Index cards

Medical Cabinet Needs:

Band-Aids, all sizes
Hard Candy - peppermint (for coughs)
Cotton balls or small round pads

Classroom Needs:

Boxes of tissues
Hand sanitizer
Hand soap
Copy paper (for printers)
Colored copy paper
Ink pens - any color
Pencils
Notebook paper

Clothing Needs: (Ages 5 - 11)

Items for both boys and girls
New or Very Gently used:
Basketball shorts & sweatpants
New: tennis shoes, leggings (girls), and underwear boys & girls (packaged)

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

Last offering for this fund today, 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.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 7/3

9:30am
10:30am
6:00pm

Monday, 7/4

6:00pm
7:00pm

Tuesday, 7/5

12:00pm
7:00pm

Thursday, 7/7

4-6:00pm

Saturday, 7/9

12:00pm

Sunday, 7/10

9:30am
10:30am
6:00pm

Fourth Sunday

Adult Sunday School
Worship Service
Youth Group

Church Office Closed – 4th of July

NO - Clothing Ministry open during Open Hands Ministry (St. Stephen)
NO - NAMI Family Support Group (online)

Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race
2CFAR (Parlor & online)

Adult Book Study (online)

His Truth is Marching On by Jon Meacham

Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement

Saturday Lunch Ministry

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Adult Sunday School
Worship Service
Youth Group

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please hold in prayer safe travels for Girl Scout Troop 2160 as they return from Belize today, Sunday, July 3.

J.W. Bates, Jimbo Hinkle, Lynn McCarn, Bonita Hooper, Jeff Hutchens, Steve Ketner (recent surgery), Lee & Ellen Bouchard

AT HOME: Peggy Bates, 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), Jerry Grubb (Brother of June Grubb)

