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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.



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Monday – Friday,

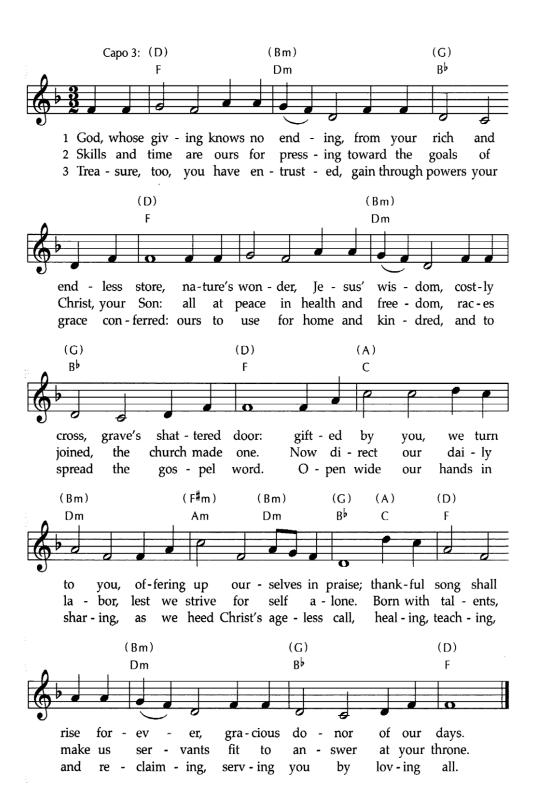
- Walk-ins Welcome 9-1
- Closed for Lunch 1-1:30

Please call ahead or make an appointment 1:30 – 5

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# God Whose Giving Knows No Ending





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

#### Prelude

#### \*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

#### \*Call to Worship

#### \*HYMN

#### \*Invocation

#### Scripture

inheritance with me."

your brother?"

#### Prayer of Confession

We come before you God to ask forgiveness and mercy. We have failed to care for our neighbors with the love of Jesus. We have acted impatiently and selfish with our loved ones.

In our excesses we have consumed more than our share while others go without. We have been blinded by our affluence and consumed with ourselves, while overlooking the needs of others. We beseech your forgiveness and your mercy. Amen.



### July 31, 2022 The Worship of God **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

\* Please stand as you are able

Blessed Assurance (arr. Dan Miller)

Christopher Kiser

Rev. Horton

**Rev. Sieges** 

God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears; who rescued us from sin's slavery: we are here to thank you. God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst: we are here because we trust you. God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people: we are here to praise you. God of life that surprises us when we find it within us: we celebrate your grace.

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Clifton Murphy

Luke 12:12-31

**Clifton Murphy** 

Someone from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the

Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and

Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy." Then he told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

*Hymn	I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me	Pg. 3
Young Disciples and Children's Church		Rev. Sieges
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Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Horton
Anthem		Mike Price
Scripture Reading	Hosea 11:1-11	Rev. Horton

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the further they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and they burned incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with bands of human kindness, with cords of love. I treated them like those who lift infants to their cheeks; I bent down to them and fed them. They will return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria will be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword will strike wildly in their cities; it will consume the bars of their gates and will take everything because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me; and though they cry out to the Most High, he will not raise them up. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart winces within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I won't act on the heat of my anger; I won't return to destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a human being, the holy one in your midst; I won't come in harsh judgment. They will walk after the LORD, who roars like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west. They will come trembling like a bird, and like a dove from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD. Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, the house of Israel with faithless acts; but Judah still walks with God, and is faithful to the holy one.

Sermon	On The Edge of Our Faith: Taking a Risk	Rev. Horton		
The Call to Give and to ServeRev. HortonIf you would like to support the ministries of First Reformed, you'll find offering plates in the narthex or you can give online at <a href="http://www.frucc.org/give">www.frucc.org/give</a> .				
*Prayer of Dedication		Clifton Murphy		
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow!				

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	Down By The Riverside (arr. Marianne Kim)	Christopher Kise
	~ You are invited to remain seated and enjoy the Postlu	de~

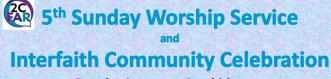
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## **CHARLES ENGLAND BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Please donate for the 22-23 school year. Items such as pencils, notebooks, paper, crayons, spiral notebooks and highlighters are needed. Complete lists with donation boxes.





Breeden Insurance Amphitheater Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – 4 to 5:30 pm

Come join us as we celebrate our diversity in prayer, message and song



Bishop Derek Kelly, New Faith Full Gospel Fellowship

#### **Featuring Speakers:**



Dr. Ray Nance Howell, III, First Baptist, 3rd Ave.



Minister, Toni R. McCullough, Files Chapel Baptist

#### WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 7/31	Sunday Worship
9:30am	Adult Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service
4:00pm	Community Worship
6:00pm	Youth Group
Monday, 8/1	
7:00pm	NAMI Family Support Group (online)
Tuesday, 8/2	
12:00pm	Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race
-	2CFAR (online)
7:00pm	Adult Book Study (online)
	<u>His Truth is Marching On</u> by Jon Meacham
Thursday, 8/4	
4-6:00pm	Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement
Saturday, 8/6	
12:00pm	Saturday Lunch Ministry
Sunday, 8/7	Sunday Worship - Communion
9:30am	Adult Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service-Communion
	Sandwich Making (following service)
6:00pm	Youth Group

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

J.W. Bates, Jimbo Hinkle, Lynn McCarn, Bonita Hooper, Jeff Hutchens, Steve Ketner, 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

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