

**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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**You Servants of God**

1 You ser - vants of God, your Sav - iour pro - claim,  
2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,  
3 Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore and give as is right,

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name,  
whose Word still is nigh, a pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - our the Son!  
all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,  
The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
all hon - our and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.  
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
bow down in deep rev - erence and wor - ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.



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

**July 17, 2022**  
**The Worship of God**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

- Prelude** Give of Your Best to the Master (arr. Gina Sprunger) Christopher Kiser
- \*Chiming of the Hour**
- Introit** Ellen Peterson
- Welcome** Rev. Horton
- \*Call to Worship** Cathy Whitley
  - Leader: Prophets, what do you see?
  - People: We see the many ways we distract ourselves.**
  - Leader: What else do you see?
  - People: We see the good and the bad fruits we have produced.**
  - Leader: What do you see today?
  - People: We witness and worship God today, grateful for love and forgiveness.**
  - AMEN.**
- \*HYMN** You Servants of God Back pg.
- \*Invocation** Cathy Whitley
- Scripture** Luke 10:38-42 Cathy Whitley
 

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."
- Prayer of Confession**
- Unison Prayer of Forgiveness**

In the mirror we call scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life in our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to get more and more, ignoring their needs.

Forgive us, Reconciling Love. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us. Then, and only then, we can set aside our grudges, offer gifts to our neighbors; and live into the abundant life you offer. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Silence is kept*

## Assurance of Pardon

Christ Jesus comes to reconcile us to God, so we can be reconciled to one another. Recreated in God's image, we are made whole.

**When we are in Christ, everything becomes new. Our past is just that - our past!**

Do you really believe this - that your past is done, and you are a new person? If so, go out and reflect it in your life.

**Thanks be to God! We will go forth and live as reconciled people. Amen.**

## Young Disciples

Children's Church led by Stacey West

## Hymn

I Come to the Garden Alone

(In the Garden)

## Pastoral Prayer

## Special Music

Keri Hartle, soloist

## Scripture Reading

Amos 1:1-12

Rev. Horton

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: a basket of summer fruit. <sup>2</sup>He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. <sup>3</sup>The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says the Lord GOD; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" <sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

## Sermon

On the Edges of our Faith: In Need of Clarity

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](http://www.frucc.org/give).

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Cathy Whitley

## 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

Toccata on "Austrian Hymn" arr. Joel Raney

Christopher Kiser

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

## I Come to the Garden Alone

1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, While the  
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so  
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Tho' the

dew is still on the ros-es; And the voice I hear, fall-ing  
sweet the birds hush their sing-ing; And the mel-o-dy that He  
night a-round me be fall-ing; But He bids me go; thro' the

on my ear, The Son of God dis-clos-es.  
gave to me With-in my heart is ring-ing.  
voice of woe, His voice to me is call-ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we

tar-ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.

## CHARLES ENGLAND BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We need your donations!

Please take a list today and help make the 22-23 school year get a good start for children in need of school supplies.

## WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 7/10</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>
9:30am	Adult Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service
6:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Monday, 7/11</b>	
6:00pm	Clothing Ministry open during Open Hands Ministry (St. Stephen)
7:00pm	NAMI Family Support Group (online)
<b>Tuesday, 7/12</b>	
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
<b>Wednesday, 7/13</b>	
11am-1pm	Y on Wheels
<b>Thursday, 7/14</b>	
4-6:00pm	Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement
<b>Friday, 7/15</b>	
9am-1pm	Cut, Curls, and Chow Salvation Army on 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
<b>Saturday, 7/16</b>	
12:00pm	Saturday Lunch Ministry
<b>Sunday, 7/17</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>
9:30am	Adult Sunday School
10:30am	Worship 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

**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), Laura Turlington (Cousin of Cliff Lopp), Jack Poetzinger (Susie Smiths Father), Larry Sink (Cousin of Paula Lopp)

Our Prayers and Sympathy go out to Rev. June Grubb in the passing of her brother, Jimmy Grubb