

**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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Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.



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

August 14, 2022
The Worship of God
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion

** Please stand as you are able*

Prelude Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (M.Castello) Connie Burleson

***Chiming of the Hour**

Introit Ellen Peterson

Welcome Rev. Horton

***Call to Worship** Marge Doty

The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.
We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.
The One who creates mercy and hope, longs for a world of fair play and grace.
We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.
The One who is with us in every moment composes a love-song for our hearts.
We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet. Let us worship God.

***HYMN** Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah Back Pg.

***Invocation** Rev. Evan Sieges

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon Rev. Horton

God of healing mercies, You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoiled it.
A world to feed us, and so many go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share.
A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness,
every time we have no thought for others, no cares but ours.
Forgive us, O merciful God. Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us again to you, Amen

***HYMN** What Does the Lord Require of You

Repeat as desired

What does the Lord re - quire of you?
walk hum - bly with your God.
and walk hum - bly with your God.
B^b F Gm Dm
*1. What does the Lord re - quire of you?
2. Jus - tice, kind - ness,
3. To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

Young Disciples

Rev. Evan Sieges

***HYMN**

Standing on the Promises

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Mission Moment for School Supplies

Rev. Jay Whitley

Scripture Reading

Luke 12: 49-56

Marge Doty

Jesus said, "I came to cast fire upon the earth. How I wish that it was already ablaze! I have a baptism I must experience. How I am distressed until it's completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, I have come instead to bring division. From now on, a household of five will be divided—three against two and two against three. Father will square off against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Jesus also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud forming in the west, you immediately say, 'It's going to rain.' And indeed, it does. And when a south wind blows, you say, 'A heat wave is coming.' And it does. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret conditions on earth and in the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret the present time?"

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

Come to Me (Dan Forest)

Ellen Peterson

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Rev. Horton

"...So now, you who live in Jerusalem, you people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I haven't done for it? When I expected it to grow good grapes, why did it grow rotten grapes?..."

Sermon

On the Edge of Faith: In this Together

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**

Marge Doty

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

Toccata on Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow (M. Burkhardt)

Connie Burleson

Standing on the Promises



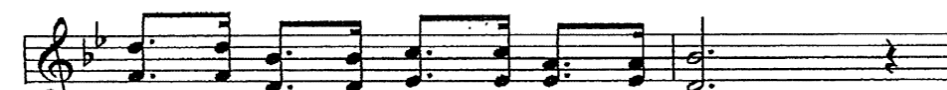
1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,



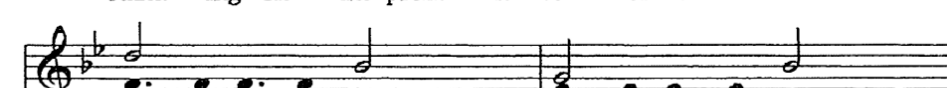
through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,



stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.



Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,



stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;



stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,



I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

CHARLES ENGLAND BACK-TO-SCHOOL

SUPPLY DRIVE

Donate Today! Items such as pencils, notebooks, paper, crayons, spiral notebooks and highlighters are needed.

Complete lists with donation boxes.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sunday, 8/14**
 - 9:30am Adult Sunday School
 - 10:30am Worship Service
 - 6:00pm Consistory Meeting following Worship
 - Youth Group
- Monday, 8/15**
 - 7:00pm NAMI Family Support Group (online)
- Tuesday, 8/16**
 - 12:00pm Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race 2CFAR (online)
 - 7:00pm Adult Book Study (online)
 - Rooted & Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Change (Leah Schade & Margaret Bullitt-Jonas)
- Thursday, 8/18**
 - 4-6:00pm Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement
 - 7:00pm PFLAG Meeting
- Saturday, 8/20**
 - 12:00pm Saturday Lunch Ministry
- Sunday, 8/21**
 - 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, Kathleen Danze, Brian Mckerlie

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), Earl Parker (Rev. Hortons Father), Judy Stanley (Mother of Robin Champion)



Our Sympathy and Prayers go out to meioay and Aibert Evans and their family in the unexpected passing of their son, Gregory Evans, on Thursday.

(Gregory is the nephew of Harriette and Clifton Murphy)