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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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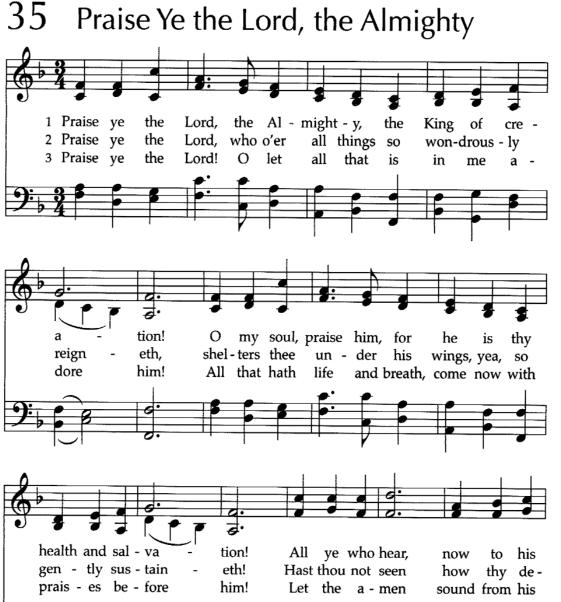
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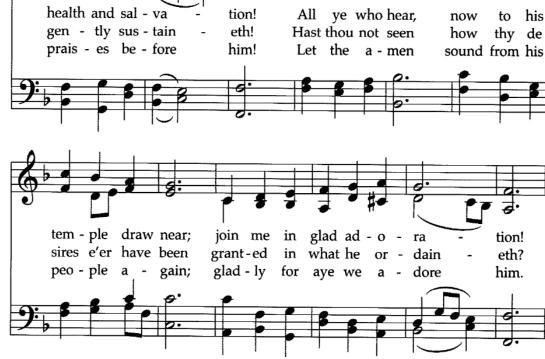
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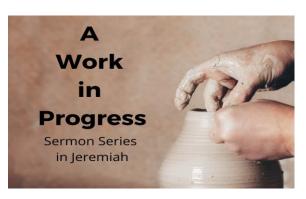
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# Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty







August 21, 2022 The Worship of God **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost** 

\* Please stand as you are able

Rev. Evan Sieges

Back Pg.

Prelude Christopher Kiser

\*Chiming of the Hour

Introit Ellen Peterson

Welcome Rev. Horton

\*Call to Worship

Before we got up this morning and decided to come together,

God was waiting for us,

to welcome us with grace.

When we are unsure of what to do; when we falter before the next step,

we come to listen to God's voice,

to learn from the One who teaches us

all we ever need to know.

When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice; when our fears cripple our souls,

God delivers us with steadfast love; we are set free to be God's sons and daughters.

\*HYMN Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

\*Invocation **Eddie Yates** 

**Young Disciples** Rev. Evan Sieges

**Scripture Reading** Luke 13: 10-16 **Eddie Yates** 

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised

The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?"

## **Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Horton

Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones.

Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. So may we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Special Music Change My Heart O God

Ellen Peterson

## **Pastoral Prayer and Lords Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

I Love to Tell the Story

Amen.

Summer Pick-up Choir

**Scripture** Jeremiah 2:4-13

Rev. Horton

The LORD's word came to me:

"Before I created you in the womb I knew you;
before you were born I set you apart;
I made you a prophet to the nations."

"Ah, LORD God," I said, "I don't know how to speak because I'm only a child."

The LORD responded,

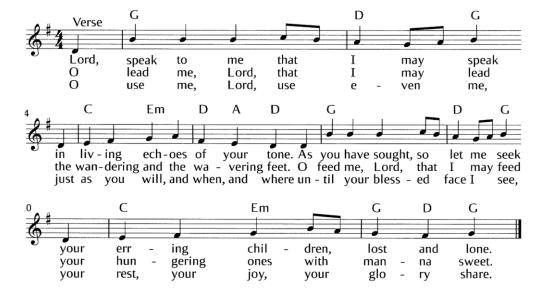
"Don't say, 'I'm only a child.'

Where I send you, you must go;
what I tell you, you must say.
Don't be afraid of them,
because I'm with you to rescue you,"
declares the LORD.

## \*Hymn

**Anthem** 

#### Lord Speak to Me



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**Sermon** A Work in Progress: Set Apart Rev. Horton

\*Hymn Have Thine Own Way Lord

### The Call to Give and to Serve

Rev. Horton

**Below** 

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**

**Eddie Yates** 

## \*Doxology OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Benediction Rev. Horton

**Postlude** Christopher Kiser

 $^\sim$  Please stay seated for a time of reflection as the worship service concludes  $^\sim$ 

## Have Thine Own Way, Lord



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## **CHARLES ENGLAND SCHOOL**

Do you have some extra time during the week to
Volunteer at Charles England School, or to
Participate in event's hosted by FRUCC? If so, please contact
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#### **WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday, 8/21
9:30am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
6:00pm Youth Group

Monday, 8/22
6:00pm FRUCC Clothes Ministry

Tuesday, 8/23
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

7:00pm NAMI Family Support Group (online)

Wednesday, 8/24

5:15pm Staff Meeting

Thursday, 8/25

4-6:00pm Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement

Saturday, 8/27

12:00pm Saturday Lunch Ministry & Clothing

Sunday, 8/28

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service- Back to School Blessing6:00pm Back to School Kick Off and Parent Meeting

Youth & Children – Ice Cream Social

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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