

**FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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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.



**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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**35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.



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

*\* Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

Christopher Kiser

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**Introit**

Ellen Peterson

**Welcome**

Rev. Horton

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Evan Sieges

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**

Back Pg.

**\*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 God.

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.  
Amen.

**Anthem** I Love to Tell the Story 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** Lord Speak to Me

Verse

Lord, speak to me that I may speak  
O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
O use me, Lord, use e - ven me,  
in liv - ing ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek  
the wan - dering and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
just as you will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed face I see,  
your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.  
your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

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

**\*Hymn** Have Thine Own Way Lord Below

**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** 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

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

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the  
pot - ter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me After Thy  
will, While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still.

**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 Ben Hale or Jay Whitley.  
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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 Blessing
  - 6:00pm Back to School Kick Off and Parent Meeting
  - Youth & Children – Ice Cream Social

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

J.W. Bates, Jimbo Hinkle, Lynn McCarn, Bonita Hooper, Jeff Hutchens, Steve & Charm Ketner, Lee & Ellen Bouchard, Kathleen Danze, Brian Mckerlie, John Smith

**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:** Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovells daughter), 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)



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