

**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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Come, Share the Lord

Capo 3: (G) B^b (D) F (Em7) Gm7

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;
2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) F (Asus) Csus

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) C7 (D) F (A) C (D) F

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) B^b (D) F (Em) Gm (A) C (D) F *Fine*

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) C7 (D) F (G) B^b (A7) C7 (D) F

(1) No one is a strang - er here; † ev - ery - one be - longs.
(2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) B^b (A7) C7 (D) F (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7 (Asus) Csus (A) C

Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.



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

August 7, 2022
The Worship of God
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion

** Please stand as you are able*

Prelude Christopher Kiser

***Chiming of the Hour**

Introit Ellen Peterson

Welcome Rev. June Grubb

***Call to Worship** Patti Lovell

God says, "Quit your worship charades. I can't stand your trivial religious games.

When you put on your next prayer-performance, I'll be looking the other way."

Are we here as a charade?

Are we playing a game?

Are our prayers just a way to show off how spiritual we are?

Why are we here?

Not to show that we are wonderful people,

but to become better people.

To strengthen our spirits as we seek to live out God's call:

Say no to wrong.

Learn to do good.

Work for justice.

Help the down-and-out.

Stand up for the homeless.

Go to bat for the defenseless.

May this time of worship bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. Amen.

***HYMN** How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, the riv - ers of
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path-way shall lie, my grace, all suf -

faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word! What more can be said than to
God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with thee, thy
fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I

you God hath said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
cause thee to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
on - ly de - sign thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

***Invocation** Patti Lovell

Scripture Reading Luke 12: 32-40 Patti Lovell

“Don’t be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don’t wear out—a treasure in heaven that never runs out. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too.

“Be dressed for service and keep your lamps lit. Be like people waiting for their master to come home from a wedding celebration, who can immediately open the door for him when he arrives and knocks on the door. Happy are those servants whom the master finds waiting up when he arrives. I assure you that, when he arrives, he will dress himself to serve, seat them at the table as honored guests, and wait on them. Happy are those whom he finds alert, even if he comes at midnight or just before dawn. But know this, if the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he wouldn’t have allowed his home to be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Human One is coming at a time when you don’t expect him.”

Young Disciples Rev. June Grubb

Anthem The Old Rugged Cross Pick-up Choir

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn** Come Share the Lord Back

Scripture Reading Exodus 16:2-15 Rev. June Grubb

²The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. ³The Israelites said to them, “Oh, how we wish that the LORD had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you’ve brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I’m going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I’ll test them to see whether or not they follow my instruction. ⁵On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “This evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ⁷And in the morning you will see the LORD’s glorious presence, because your complaints against the LORD have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?” ⁸Moses continued, “The LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the LORD heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren’t against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole Israelite community, ‘Come near to the LORD, because he’s heard your complaints.’” ¹⁰As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹²“I’ve heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What^[a] is it?” They didn’t know what it was.

Moses said to them, “This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Sermon On The Edge of our Faith: Bread For The Journey Rev. June Grubb

Sharing in Holy Communion

Feed Us Lord Ellen Peterson

The Call to Give and to Serve Rev. June Grubb

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Prayer of Dedication Patti Lovell

***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. June Grubb

Postlude Christopher Kiser

~ *You are invited to remain seated and enjoy the Postlude* ~

CHARLES ENGLAND BACK-TO-SCHOOL

SUPPLY DRIVE

2 more weeks left to donate! Items such as pencils, notebooks, paper, crayons, spiral notebooks and highlighters are needed. Complete lists with donation boxes.



WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 8/7	Sunday Worship - Communion
9:30am	Adult Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service
	Sandwich Making (following service)
6:00pm	Youth Group
Monday, 8/8	
6:00pm	Clothing Ministry-Sandwich Bagged Meal
7:00pm	NAMI Family Support Group (online)
Tuesday, 8/9	
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, 8/11	
4-6:00pm	Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement
Friday, 8/12	
6:00pm	Community Fun Night-Rockers Baseball Game
Saturday, 8/13	
12:00pm	Saturday Lunch Ministry
Sunday, 8/14	
9:30am	Sunday Worship
10:30am	Adult Sunday School
	Worship Service
	Consistory Meeting following Worship
4:00pm	Community Worship
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 Poetzing (Susie Smiths Father), Larry Sink (Cousin of Paula Lopp), Earl Parker (Rev. Hortons Father), Judy Stanley (Mother of Robin Champion)