**First Reformed United Church of Christ**

**The Worship of God**

**From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving – Holy Communion**

**October 2, 202****2**

 *\* Stand as you are able*

**Prelude**  Bruce Tippett

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**Choral Introit As We Gather at Your Table**  Choir

**Welcome** Rev. Horton

**\*Call to Worship** Cathy Browder One: Many are gathered here, hungry for rest and nourishment; for inspiration and faith.
**All: We will give you something to satisfy your hunger:  stories of faith and songs of praise.**
One: All who are hungry in body, whose stomachs have known the pain of emptiness.
**All: We will give you something to eat! We have much to share and a Table big enough for all!**
One: We share, because we know there is more than enough for all people everywhere.

**All:  All will eat together nourished by that which Jesus himself blesses and shares.**

One.  Let us raise our voices in praise and joy!

**\*Hymn                                      I Come With Joy** Pg. 2

**\*Invocation** Cathy Browder

**Young Disciples** Rev. Evan Sieges

**Prayer of Confession** Rev. Horton

**Holy God of Covenant, in our worship and in our lives, we are called again and again to deeds of love and mercy.  We are called to faithful stewardship of what we have.  Too often we find that our witness, mission, and stewardship have grown tired, weak, and confused.   Forgive us and turn us again to deeper discipleship as followers of Jesus.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Prayers of the People**

**Anthem As We Break the Bread, Jay Althouse** Choir



**Scripture**    Matthew 26:26-29 Rev. Horton

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

**Communion Meditation** At The Table Rev. Horton

**Liturgy for Holy Communion** Rev. Horton

May God be with you.
**And also with you.**
People of God, lift up your hearts.
**We lift them to the One who cradles our hearts in loving hands.**

People of God, let us give thanks to the God who sets a Table for us.

**No matter who we are, we are not alone, we belong here, all belong here.**

And we are to remember, we are not alone, we belong here, all belong here.

Prayer

Jesus, you have shown us how to love you by taking care of your people. When you say, “remember me,” we remember your words,

**“I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”**

As we gather at your table, refresh our minds, bodies, and spirits through this simple and intimate meal.

Words of Institution

**Gathering Around The Table**

*We will receive communion by coming forward in groups of 8 around the table.*

\***Sung Response                      Come to the Table**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life:**

**Send us forth to love and serve you, bring peace where there is strife.**

**Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;**

**May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Invitation to Give and to Serve** Rev. Horton

**\*Prayer of Dedication**  Cathy Browder

**\*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

**\*Sung Response                      Come to the Table**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast**

**Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.**

**There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,**

**As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

**Postlude** Bruce Tippett

**WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

 **Sunday, 10/2**

 9:30am Adult Sunday School

 10:30am Worship Service – Communion

 NO Youth Group

**Tuesday, 10/4**

 12:00pmCrucial Conversations on Faith and Race (2CFAR) Parlor

 7:00pmAdult Book Study (online)

 Rooted & Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Change

**Wednesday 10/5**

6:30pm NO Youth Group or Children’s Ministry

 Handbell Practice

 7:15pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, 10/6**

 4-6:00pmClothing Ministry Workday-Basement

**Saturday, 10/8**

 9:00am All Church Clean-up Day (9am-12pm)

 12:00pmSaturday Lunch Ministry & Clothing

 **Sunday, 10/9**

 9:30am Adult Sunday School

 10:30am Worship Service

 Consistory Meeting following Worship

 6:00pm NO Youth Group

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Brian McKerlie, John Smith, J.W. Bates, Jimbo Hinkle, Bonita Hooper ,Jeff Hutchens, Steve & Charm Ketner

**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 Lovell’s daughter), Laura Turlington (Cousin of Cliff Lopp), Jack Poetzinger (Susie Smith’s Father), Larry Sink (Cousin of Paula Lopp), Earl Parker (Rev. Horton’s Father), Rena Y. Curia (sister to Cheryl Walser)

**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.

**Church Congregational Meeting – Sunday, Oct. 16th (following Worship)**

**To Review, Discuss, & Approve 2023 FRUCC Budge**

**For Upcoming Sundays in October – Please Bring**

**October 9**……… Bring in loaves of bread and cans of fish.

 **October 30**……. Bring in pasta from your pantry

**ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY** (indoor & outdoor)

**SATURDAY - OCT. 8TH FROM 9AM TO 12PM**

Come bring your cleaning buckets and yard tools! FRUCC needs a little TLC. We will be dusting blinds and window seals, wiping down soiled walls in the EDU bldg., and polishing pews indoors. We will be tidying up the outside as well.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, November 6th** and join the celebration of our annual Homecoming! The 10:30 service will also be a Memorial Service for members who have died during the past year. Please invite family and friends to come and be a part of this day of special music, food, and fellowship!

**USHERS Needed for Sunday Services**

Please contact Eddie Yates at bbqman46@gmail.com

**Charles England Elementary School Volunteers Needed**

If you have a few hour a week to volunteer, please consider being a reading buddy or mentor to a child at Charles England. You are also welcome to help school events FRUCC sponsors for the students and teachers. Contact: Jay Whitley or Ben Hale

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