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

Liturgist: Rev. June Grubb Ushers: Eddie Yates, Doris Sink, Betty Barr Sound & Stream Team Leader: Kivi Miller

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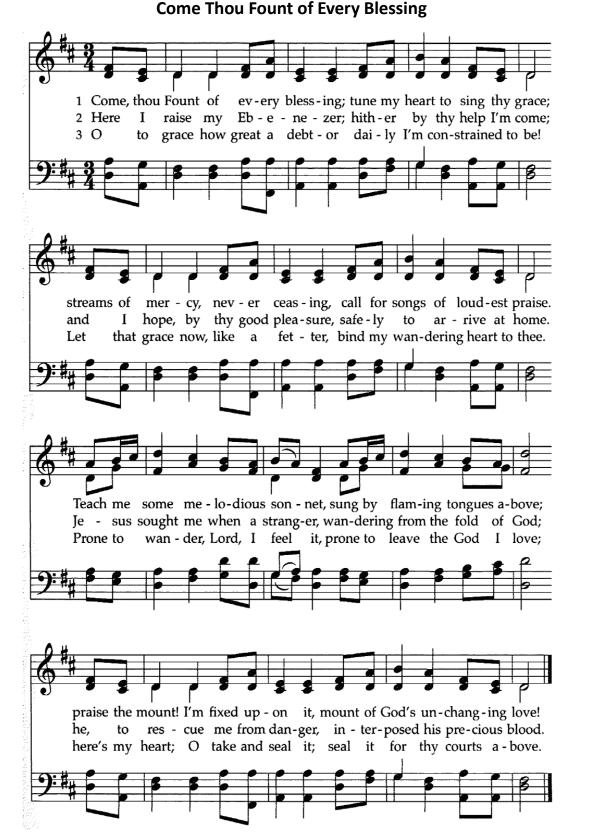
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday Walk-ins Welcome 9-1

Closed for Lunch 1 – 2pm Please call ahead or make an appointment 2 – 5pm





Prelude

with you.

*Chiming of the Hour

Introit

*Call to Worship

baptism. All: hatred and death.

One: In baptism we are joined to Christ, and we are joined together in unity, recalling All:

Jesus."

discipleship.

All:

*Hymn

***Opening Prayer**

Welcome

Scripture Reading

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

January 15, 2023 The Worship of God

Remembering our Baptism Installation of Consistory and Trustees *Stand as you are able

Artwork: The Baptism of The Christ, by Daniel Bonnell

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. To help us connect with one another, please fill out a Communication Card if you are new here, have a question, or a prayer request. You can drop it into the offering plate when passed and we'll get back

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Bruce Tippette

Take Me to the Water

Rev. June Grubb

One: Family of God, today we recall: Jesus came to the waters of

In baptism, our Creator claims us and frees us from the power of

"There is no longer Jew or Greek there is no longer slave or free there is no longer male or female for all of you are one in Christ

One: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of divine love. It is the mark of acceptance into the church and the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and

Therefore, on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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from Genesis 1

Patrick Horton

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Choir

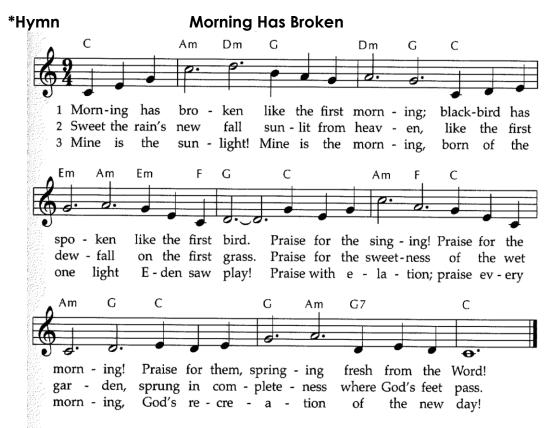
Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, too often our lives reflect chaos instead of creation. Forgive us when we concentrate too often on our doubts and fears rather than on your tender Spirit. Have mercy on us, we pray, and breathe through lives your Mighty Winds of Change. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Horton

*Passing the Peace



Affirmation of Ministry

The Presentation

Deacons: Jeremy Lovell, Smithie Parrish, John Maze, Dave Fulton, Jay Whitley Elders: John Gray, Lisa Nelson, Betty Barr, Clifton Murphy, Jerry Lovell Trustees: Clifford Lopp, Jerry Smith, Mark Smith, Walter Hoffman, Raeann Allred

Our Covenant Together ...let us now rise and affirm our covenant with them. People: We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and participate with you so that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Horton

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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 3: 13-17 Rev. Horton Sermon **Up From the Water** Rev. Horton

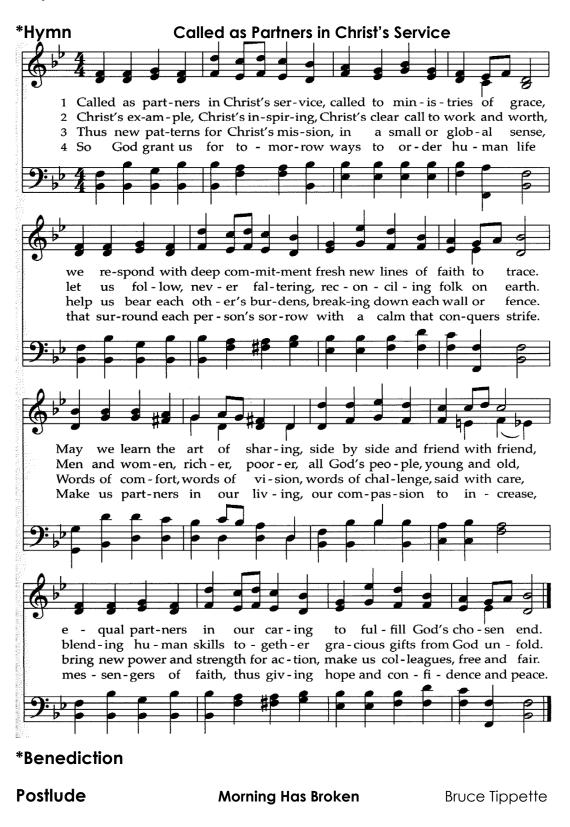
Invitation to Give and Serve

You are invited to give your offerings in worship or online: <u>www.frucc.org/give</u>

Remembering Our Baptism

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. June Grubb



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WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 1/15 9:30amAdult Sunday School 10:30am......Worship Service Consistory Meeting following Worship (Room 101)

Monday, 1/16 Church Office Closed 5:00pm......FRUCC Clothes Ministry Open 5:00pm......Open Hands Meal & Service (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm......NAMI (Zoom)

Tuesday, 1/17 7:00pm.....Adult Book Study via Zoom

Wednesday, 1/18 6:30pm.....Handbell Practice 7:15pm.....Choir Practice

Thursday, 1/19 4-6:00pm......Clothing Ministry Workday

Saturday, 1/21 12:00pm......Saturday Lunch Ministry

Sunday, 1/22122nd Anniversary of First Reformed UCC9:30amAdult Sunday School10:30amWorship Service

UPCOMING:

Thursday, 1/19PFLAG at 6:30pmFriday, 1/20Directory Pictures 2:00pm - 8:30pmSaturday, 1/21Directory Pictures 10am - 4:30pm

GET YOUR SOUP ORDERS IN!

Contract Paula Lopp to place your order336-250-3343plsl55@yahoo.com*Soup pick-up will be Sunday, Jan. 29th

PRAYER CONCERNS

Adena Wall, Brian McKerlie

<u>AT HOME</u>: Eulene Shepherd Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, J.W. Bates, Peggy Bates, Ruth Essick, Gerri Hill, Myrtle Latimer, Deanna Michael, Carolyn Spivey, John Potts & Janette Neal, Adena Wall, Merle Hodges,

IN CARE FACILITIES: Vogen Everhart, Sherry Bonner, Marguerite Leonard, Patti Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell's daughter), Ray White, (Step-father to Travis White), Rena Y. Curia (sister to Cheryl Walser), Charles Hines (Friend of Alane Holste), Diane Womack (Nina Smith's mother), John Ray Ward (Patti Lovell's, Brother in Law)