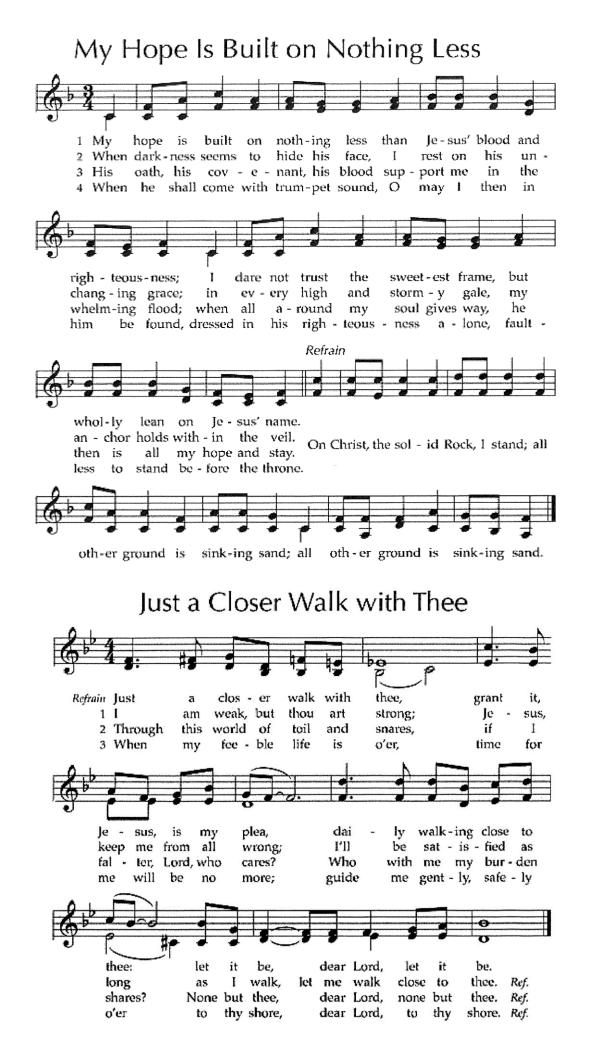
FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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: Camille Morgan Ushers: Eddie Yates, Doris Sink, Casey Ball Sound & Stream Team Leader: Jeremy Lovell





WELCOME TO WORSHIP! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. 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 with you.

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship

All: Amen.

*Hymn

*Invocation

Welcome

Scripture Reading

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confess

God we confes You give us the and we weave You give us the and we spend and unity. You give us the and we shut of Forgive us for

Unravel the sir Gratefully we pray, Amen.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday

Walk-ins Welcome 9-1 Closed for Lunch 1 – 2pm Call ahead and/or Appointment only 2 – 5pm

First Reformed United Church of Christ

January 29, 2023 The Worship of God

*Stand as you are able

Amazing Grace (arr. Jerry Ray)

Bruce Tippette

Weave Us Together

Camille Morgan

- One: Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.
- All: Hem us in before and behind.
- One: Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.
- All: Weave us together in hope and praise.
- One: God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.
- All: Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.
- Draw us together and point us toward you.
- One: In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship.

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		Camille Morgan			
		Rev. Elizabeth Horton			
g	Psalm 139	Parker Horton			
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ss—we are loose ends. The gift of community, The walls of exclusion and isolation. The gift of a new day, The more time unraveling justice than sewing seeds of peace					
e gift of holy surprises and unimaginable beauty, off our hearts and our blindfolded eyes. our frayed ends and self-centered hearts. in in us and replace it with love.					

Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Young Disciples

*HYMN

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Back pg

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's 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.

Choir Anthem	Grace Lifted Me (arr. Patti Drennan)	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 14:22-23	Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Sermon	Unraveled by Uncertainty	Rev. Elizabeth Horton
AFFIRMATION OF FA I believe in God, t		

Who weaves us together in community,

Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.

I believe in the Holy Spirit—

Who hems us in before and behind,

Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative. And I believe in Jesus Christ—

Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to disregard anyone as scrap.

I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being, Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.

I believe the fabric of my life is weak,

That I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love. I believe in the Church, and that like a guilt of different fabrics,

She is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.

And I believe that when life unravels,

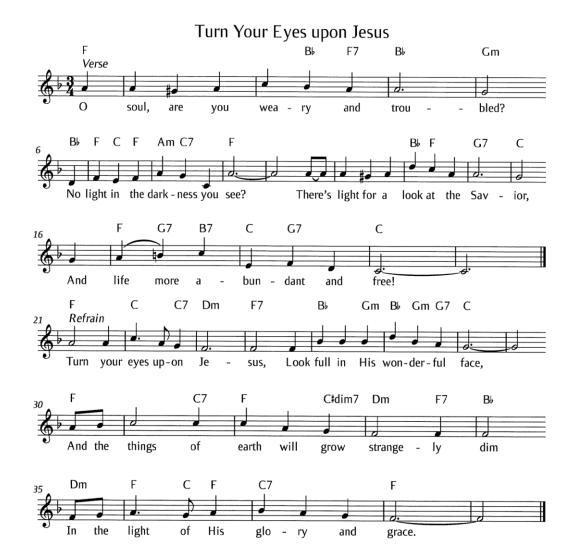
God is there to stitch my wounds together,

To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,

And to invite me into a new journey.

Amen.

*HYMN	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	Pg. 3		
Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings				
Offertory				
Prayer of Dedication Camille Morgan				
*Benediction				
*HYMN	Blest Be the Tie that Binds	Pg. 3		
Postlude	Comfort Ye My People (by Paul Fejko)	Bruce Tippette		



Blest Be	e the Tie	that Binds
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Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way; while each in expectation lives and waits to see the day.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 1/29

9:30amAdult Sunday School 10:30am.....Worship Service 12:00pm.....Inquirers Meet & Greet (Parlor) 7:00pm.....Evening Vespers (Chapel)

Monday, 1/30

5:00pm......FRUCC Clothes Ministry Open 5:00pm......Open Hands Meal & Service (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, 1/31

12:00pm.....2CFAR via Zoom 7:00pm.....Adult Book Study via Zoom

Wednesday, 2/1

6:30pm.....Handbell Practice 7:15pm.....Choir Practice

Thursday, 2/2

4-6:00pm.....Clothing Ministry Workday

Saturday, 2/4

12:00pm.....Saturday Lunch Ministry

Sunday, 2/5

9:30amAdult Sunday School 10:30am.....Worship Service

Upcoming in February:

2/9.....6:45pm...... Consistory Meeting
2/12...12:00pm..... Congregational Meeting
2/14...2:00pm...... Valentines Day Social for FRUCC Seniors
2/19...11:00am..... Jazz Worship Service at Second Reformed
2/22...TBD...... Ash Wednesday Service
2/26....7:00pm...... Evening Vespers in the Chapel

PRAYER CONCERNS

Deanna Michael, Adena Wall, Brian McKerlie

<u>AT HOME</u>: Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, J.W. Bates, Peggy Bates, Ruth Essick, Gerri Hill, Myrtle Latimer, Carolyn Spivey, Eulene Shepherd, Merle Hodges

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

OUR FRIENDS: Nancy Barr (Darren Barr mother), Jamie Colin's (friend of Alisa Johnson), George Champion (Robin Champion's father)