

ALTER FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Mike and Bonita Hooper in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married February 10, 1973 at Crews United Methodist Church, Winston Salem, NC.

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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Youth: Lucas Peterson

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Sound & Stream Team Leader: Jeremy Lovel

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday

9-1 Walk-ins Welcome
1 – 2pm Closed for Lunch
2 – 5pm Call ahead and/or Appointment only
Office: 336-248-2617

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-
last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,
lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



First Reformed United Church of Christ

February 12, 2023

The Worship of God

*Stand as you are able

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

Festal Song

Bruce Tippet

***Chiming of the Hour**

Choral Introit

Weave Us Together

*Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together, together in love.*

***Call to Worship**

Carolyn Robbins

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.

ALL: In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith, we worship.

Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Scripture Reading

John 14: 18, 25-27

Lucas Peterson

***Hymn**

Give to the Wind Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent-ly
3 Leave to God's sov-ereign sway to choose and
4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead-fast
un-dis-mayed. God hears thy sighs and
clears the way. Wait pa-tient-ly; so
to com-mand. So shalt thou, won-dering,
truth de-clare, and pub-lish with our
counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
shall this night soon end in joy-ous day.
own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
fi-nal breath thy love and guard-ian care.

***Invocation** Carolyn Robbins

Call to Confession Lucas Peterson

Prayer of Confession Lucas Peterson and Carolyn Robbins

L: O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

L. You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

P. Forgive us when we do not follow you.

L: You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

P. Forgive us when we do not follow you.

L. You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.

P. Forgive us when we do not follow you.

L. You stand against injustice. You stand with the wronged.

P. Forgive us when we do not follow you.

L. You condemn seeking one's own interest, controlling and harming others.

P Forgive us when we do not follow you. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness Rev. Elizabeth Horton

***The Peace** Carolyn Robbins

May the Peace of Christ be with You. **And also with you.**

Please extend peace in the way you are most comfortable.

Young Disciples

***HYMN** **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms** Back Pg.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Kevin Cook, Chris Thorarinson, DJ Huffman

Blessed are those who yearn for deepening more than escape;

who are not afraid to grow.

Blessed are those who take seriously the bonds of community;

Who regularly join in, both to worship and to serve.

Blessed are those who understand that the Church is often imperfect,

yet are able to show grace and share their concerns in love.

Blessed are those who support the Church by giving their time and efforts,

as well as their material goods and resources.

Blessed are those who when asked to serve,

do so gladly and with humble hearts.

Blessed are those who know that the work of the Church is transformational, **and**

do not shrink from controversy, sacrifice, or change.

Questions for The Candidates Rev. Elizabeth Horton

New Members: We do promise. With you, we will celebrate God's presence, and seek to love and serve others. With you, We will grow in faith together.

Congregation: With joy, we welcome you into the common life of this church. We promise you our love and support as we grow in faith together. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we work and witness together in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.**

The Call to Listen Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Choir Anthem **Wade in the Water**

The Call to Respond **When Israel was in Egypt's Land**

Call Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Solo Ellen Peterson

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;

Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go!

Response **Refrain** Congregation



Call Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Solo Ellen Peterson

"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said, "Let my people go!

If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead. Let my people go!"

Response **Refrain** Congregation

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Solo Ellen Peterson

"No more shall they in bondage toil; let my people go!

Let them come out with Egypt's spoil: let my people go!"

Response **Refrain** Congregation

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Solo Ellen Peterson

O let us all from bondage flee; let my people go!

And let us all in Christ be free: let my people go!

Response **Refrain** Congregation

Scripture Reading **Exodus 5:1-2, 7: 8-23** Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Sermon **Unraveled: When People Are Mean**

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication Carolyn Robbins

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn** **Blest Be the Tie**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Postlude **Go Down Moses** Bruce Tippet

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 2/12

9:30amAdult Sunday School

10:30am.....Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)

Congregational Meeting following Worship

Monday, 2/13

5:00pm.....FRUCC Clothes Ministry Open (Basement)

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

Tuesday, 2/14

12:00pm.....2CFAR (Zoom)

2:00pm.....Senior Valentines Social (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm.....NAMI via Zoom

Wednesday, 2/15

6:30pm.....Handbell Practice

7:15pm.....Choir Practice

Thursday, 2/16

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

6:30pm.....PFLAG

Saturday, 2/18

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

Sunday, 2/19

9:30amAdult Bible Study

11:00am.....Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)

Upcoming in February:

2/19...11:00am..... Jazz Worship Service & Lunch at Second Reformed

2/22...7:00pm..... Ash Wednesday Service

2/26...10:30pam... Sunday Worship - Guest Speaker: Beth Callicutt,

Principal Charles England Elm. School

7:00pm.....Evening Vespers in the Chapel

PRAYER CONCERNS

Peggy Bates, Eulene Shepherd, Deanna Michael, Brian McKerlie

AT HOME: Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, J.W. Bates, Ruth Essick, Gerri Hill, Myrtle Latimer, Carolyn Spivey, Merle Hodges

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

OUR FRIENDS: Jodi Yocum (daughter-in-law of Carolyn Yocum, Jamie Collins (friend of Alisa Johnson), George Champion (Robin Champion's father)