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.

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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: Carolyn Robbins Youth: Lucas Peterson **Ushers:** Eddie Yates

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday

Walk-ins Welcome Closed for Lunch 1 – 2pm

Call ahead and/or Appointment only 2 – 5pm

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What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

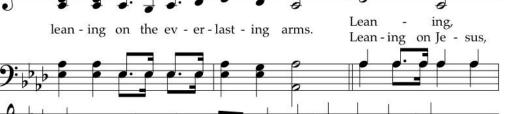
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

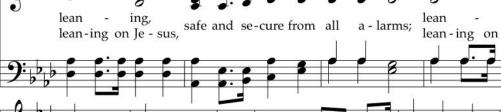


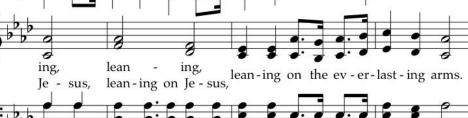
- 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-













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 Tippette**

*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

Lucas Peterson

Scripture Reading John 14: 18, 25-27



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*Invocation Carolyn Robbins
Call to Confession Lucas Peterson

Prayer of ConfessionLucas 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

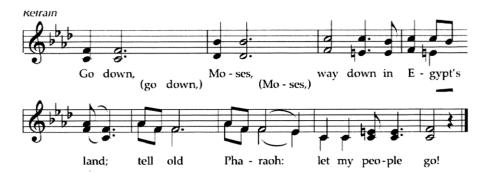
Choir Anthem Wade in the Water

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

CallRev. Elizabeth HortonSoloEllen 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



CallRev. Elizabeth HortonSoloEllen 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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"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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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/qive

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

*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 Tippette

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

Carolyn Robbins

Peggy Bates, Eulene Shepherd, Deanna Michael, Brian McKerlie

<u>AT HOME</u>: 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

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