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: Jerry Lovell
Ushers: Eddie Yates

Sound & Stream Team Leader: Kivi Miller

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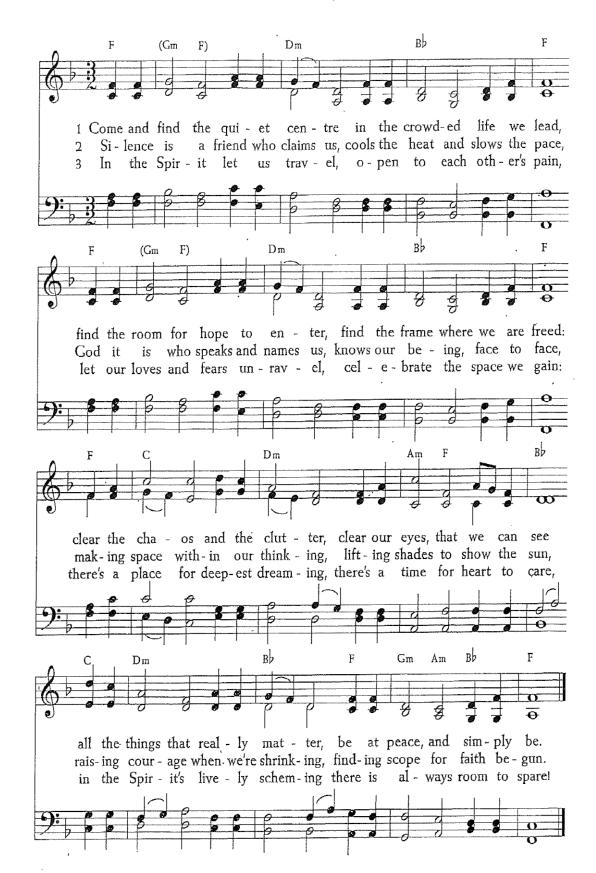
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday

9-1 Walk-ins Welcome 1 – 2pm Closed for Lunch

2 – 5pm Call ahead and/or Appointment only

Office: 336-248-2617

Come and Find the Quiet Center





First Reformed
United Church of Christ
February 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent

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, 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 Elegy (by Anthony Giamanco) Bruce Tippette

*Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit My Love Song is Unknown

*Call to Worship Jerry Lovell

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

For those who feel Christ near,

May we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.

For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,

May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.

For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to find our way. Amen

*Hymn Come and Find the Quiet Center back pg.

*Invocation Jerry Lovell

Welcome Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Old Testament Reading from Psalm 32 Jerry Lovell

Responsive Prayer of Confession

O God, you offer us so much,

forgive us for sharing so little.

You have called us to your ways,

forgive us for ignoring your call.

You have given us the gift of community,

forgive us for not giving thanks.

You have given us countless blessings,

forgive us for taking your love for granted.

And now, gracious God, be merciful to us in our sin and indifference, through Christ,

our Savior.

Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing the Peace

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Jerry Lovell



Young Disciples

Choral Call to Prayer

Enter My Heart

Prayers of the People 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.

Solo

Arise, My Soul, Arise (Dan Forrest)

Ellen Peterson

Scripture Reading

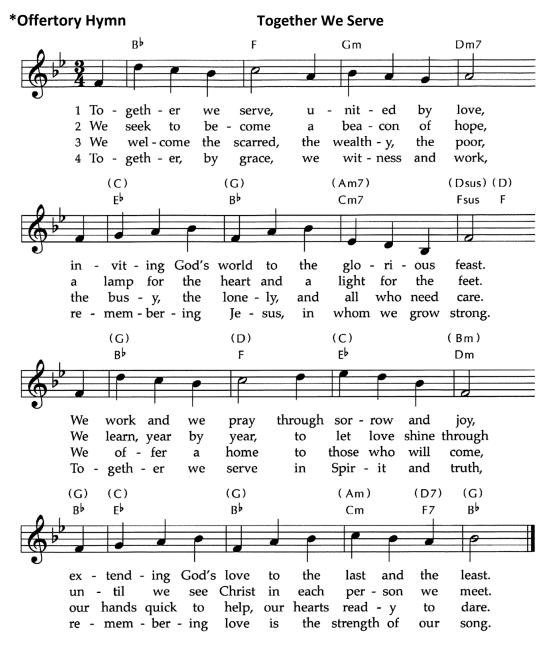
Mark 8:22-25

Finding Our Way

Guest Speaker, Beth Callicutt, Principal of Charles England Elementary School

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

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



^{*}Prayer of Dedication

Jerry Lovell

*Choral Response

Postlude Contemplation on HENDON (by Dennis Janzer)

Bruce Tippette

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 2/26

9:30amAdult Sunday School
10:30am........Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Guest Speaker: Beth Callicutt, Charles England Elm. Principal
7:00pm......... Evening Vespers (Chapel)

Monday, 2/27

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

Tuesday, 2/28

12:00pm......2CFAR (Zoom)
7:00pm.....Lenten Book Study begins via Zoom
It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent: *Creating a culture where parenting for faith can flourish*

Wednesday, 3/1

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

Thursday, 3/2

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

Saturday, 3/4

11:00am......Celebration of Life Service for Marguerite Leonard

*Reception following**

Sunday, 3/5

NAMI Meeting

Evening Vespers

9:30amAdult Bible Study

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

Upcoming in March:

Men's Brotherhood Meeting

Consistory Meeting

2CFAR

Tue. 3-9 at 6 pm

Thur. 3-9 at 6:45 pm

Tue. 3-14 & 3-28 at 12pm (zoom)

PFLAG

Thur. 3-16 at 6:30 pm

Women's Fellowship

Wed. 3-22 at 11:30 am

Mon. 3-6 & 3-20 at 7pm (zoom)

Sun. 3-26 at 7pm

PRAYER CONCERNS

Eulene Shepherd, Deanna Michael, Brian McKerlie

<u>AT HOME</u>: Peggy Bates, 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)

^{*}Benediction