

The Worship of God

July 2, 20203

Religious Liberty Sunday

The Gathering

It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand;
It is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land;
It is God who builds his city on the rock and not on sand;
The living God be praised!

Fred Pratt Green

Prelude

“Solid Rock”

arr. Jason D Payne

Choral Introit

Opening of the Bible

Thomas Allen

Call to Worship

Minister: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

People: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

Minister: O God of every nation, of every race and land;

People: Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand!

Hymn No. 422

“O God of Every Nation”

LLANGLOFFAN

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children’s Time

Christian Greetings

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 33: 1-12

Hymn No. 419

“God of Our Fathers”

NATIONAL HYMN

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“I Am Bound for the Promised Land”

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN
MELODY

Doxology

Gospel Lesson

John 8:31-36

Morning Prayer

Hymn

“Free to Worship, Free to Know”

HENDON

**Free to worship, free to know,
Bound by Spirit wind that flows,
Free to dream, to think and live
In the freedom Jesus gives.
In the freedom Jesus gives.**

**Free to worship, free to know,
Freedom’s gift to all bestowed.
Free to speak a dissenting voice,
Trusting each to make the choice.
Trusting each to make the choice.**

**Free to worship, free to know,
Truth that stings but makes us grow.
Free to lay old dogmas down
Choose a path to common ground.
Choose a path to common ground.**

(Words by David Burroughs—founder of Passport)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22: 15-22

Anthem

“America the Beautiful”

Sermon

“Free Indeed”

Ray N. Howell III

Hymn No. 416

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

BATTLE HYMN

Choral Benediction

Postlude

“God the Omnipotent!”

Alexis Lvov 1833

Today’s Lay Reader is Connie Russell

Our Organist is Marty Stanbery

The Sanctuary Choir is under the direction of Wes Richardson

Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to William Hopkins in the passing of his sister, Brenda Hopkins Brogdon on June 22.

Sunday Lunch at Grace Episcopal

We are helping to serve the Sunday meal for the homeless during the month of July. Here are the volunteers for each Sunday, If you would like to help please contact Jen-Fuller Allen.

- July 2- Sally Davis & Booty Hilton
- July 9- Jen, Elaine, Julia & Thomas Allen
- July 16- Karen & David Sparrow
- July 23- Linda Engstrom
- July 30- Jen, Elaine, Julia & Thomas Allen

Welcome Second Reformed UCC on July 30
Covered Dish Supper
5:30 p.m.

Sunday School Attendance

June 25	85
June 18	78

Extended Session

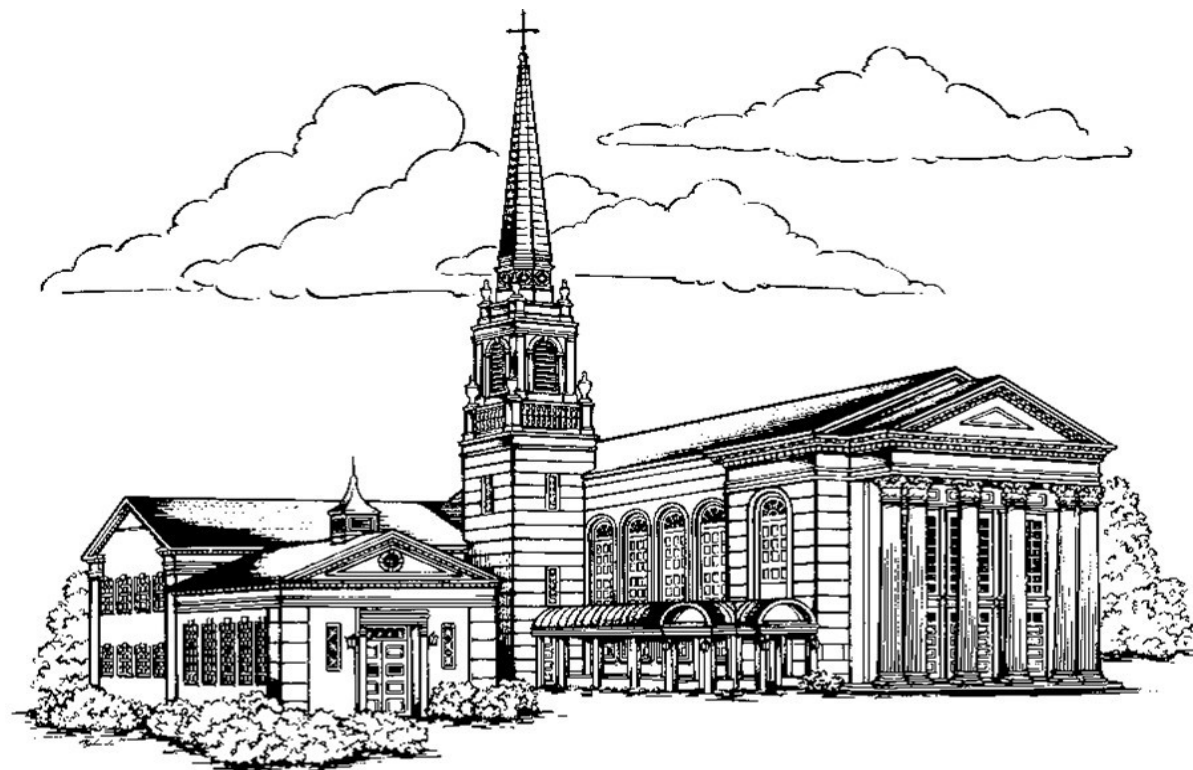
Today	Kriston & Emma Jolly
July 9	Jen & Elaine Allen

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