

The Season of Pentecost

June 21, 2020

Happy Fathers' Day

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*Two Settings of 'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing'
Blessed Assurance*

Michael Burkhardt, Aaron David Miller
Robert A. Hobby

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Reader #1: In the midst of the world's chaos, come now and find peace. When your mind is overwhelmed with what you see, come and find hope.

Reader #2: *If your heart is heavy with fear, with worry, with sorrow, come now and find strength. As you long for community in a world that is torn apart, come and find love.*

Reader #1: Come people of God, in this place, in this moment, wherever you are, and find peace, hope, strength and love, as we worship and pray together.

*The Song of Praise

Christ Is Alive!

Brian Wren, TRURO

The Prayer of Confession

Reader #1: God of all mercy, I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sins in my mind and on my lips, the acts I have done and the acts I have ignored, all stand between me and You.

Reader #2: *My entire heart is not always Yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me and set me free from a past that I cannot change.*

Reader #1: Open my heart to a future that can be changed, and open us all to a future that brings light into a world of darkness.

The Words of Forgiveness

Reader #1: Once we were slaves to sin, living lives that led only to death. But thanks be to God! In His mercy, He has set us free from the power of sin and death, and has offered us eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord!

Reader #2: Now we are free to choose life, and to use our lives to bring light to the world and glory to God.

Readers 1&2: Thanks be to God!

The Song of Assurance

No Longer Slaves

Brian Johnson, Joel Case, Jonathan David Helser

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Romans 6:1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. The death He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Don't Go Back to the Grave"

The Song of Reflection

Good Grace

Joel Houston

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The News of the Church Alive

The Fathers' Day Video

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Adolphus Hailstork

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgists – Pastor Bud Pratt, Andrew Smitley; Organ – Patty Pratt; Duet – Ken & Jodi Neevel

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH PRAYERS & CONCERNS

For prayer updates during the week, please call the **Prayer Line** – 534-0113

We extend prayers of healing & comfort for:

- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Vonda Style**, awaiting test results to determine the best way to address the growth on her ovary.
- **Roy DeJonge**, recovering from surgery.
- **Mark Engels**, at home recovering from planned open heart surgery.
- **Jack Kosten**, pray for comfort as he deals with his health.
- **Maria Oskam's grandson, Finley**, recovering from surgery.
- **Continued prayers for: Nancy Matthews, Bruce Averill, David Timmerman, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel, Jim Scovel, Kaitlin Kremers Lyons**

Please keep all our military troops in your prayers, especially:

- **Dustin Lambries, Jeremy Stegehuis, Jeff Shuck & Tony Shuck** (Betty Isenga's grandsons), **Edward Peter Tolhurst** (Pat Bird's nephew)

Please keep in your hearts and minds:

- **Our Family at Home members** - Judy Baartman, Vern & Norma Boss, Milo Buikema, Sharon Bouwman, Bill & Helen Dertien, Arlene Jacobitz, Kathy Kermeen, Joyce Kooman, Ev Lindhout, Kay Mekkes, Dorothy VanderLaan, Evelyn Watson, Lois Wing, Mary Zomerlei

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Stewardship Update – June 21, 2020

Week of June 15 Mail & After Office

Dropbox Offering: \$ 13,292.00

Week of June 15 Online Giving: \$ 5,182.00

Total Offering for June 1 - 9: \$ 18,474.00

June Total: \$ 62,090.00

June Goal: \$ 70,000.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$306,978.00

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