

The Season of Pentecost

July 26, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Though there is strife in the world.

Leader 2: *Yet will we seek God.*

Leader 1: When our hearts grow heavy and the burdens are overbearing,

Leader 2: *We will turn to the Lord.*

Leader 1: God is with us in all things.

Leader 2: *We can place our trust in the God of love and hope.*

*The Song of Praise

O Come to the Altar

C. Brown, M Brock, S. Furtick, W. Joye

The Reading

Reader 1: Let's see. I really want some of this "kingdom" stuff. I'll have a bushel of those little mustard seeds; gotta grow that big garden, you know. And I'll have about a hundred packets of that dry yeast; I'll make the most bread ever. I need something to go looking for the field treasure with. I don't know, maybe a shovel, a flashlight, a metal detector, a map, a bucket, and a guidebook. And I would like a book on pearls, what they look like, how much they are worth, where I can find them; but this book shouldn't be too costly or heavy for me to carry. Oh, yes, and that net. I don't know if I'll be fishing soon, but if there are lots of fish, I want the strongest and the biggest net on the market. Now, is that all I need? OK, how much will that be?

Voice: Within each person there is a small seed, a small grain of yeast, a treasure, an ability. These lie within each of us. You cannot purchase the items that produce greatness; you cannot create a search party for treasure; it is within you. It is the spirit of hope and love, of peace and joy, of justice and compassion, which develop into actions that bring about God's kingdom for all God's people. We are all part of this, each one of us, none greater than the others. Let go of your need to purchase the kingdom tools; instead be an instrument for hope and service to the Lord in the ways in which you serve and help others. Nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*The Song of Forgiveness

Living Hope

Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lessons

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-50

The Message

"Seaside Stories"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Disabilities Council Update and Video

Casey Dutmer

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, ASH GROVE

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgists – Kathy Geurink; Organ – Beth Sweers; Praise Team.

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:

- **Randy Kehr**, who is a patient at Butterworth Hospital following a serious fall down stairs on July 19.
- **Jack Kosten**, under the care of hospice.
- **Vonda Style**, having surgery August 10.
- **Josephine Duimstra**, at Trillium Woods under the care of hospice. Pray for **Chuck Duimstra** with ongoing health concerns.
- **Mark Engels**, at home recovering from planned open heart surgery and dealing with coughing and breathing issues.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Roy DeJonge, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel, Jim Scovel, Maria, Oskam's grandson Finley, 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, Ev Lindhout, Kay Mekkes, Dorothy VanderLaan, Evelyn Watson, Lois Wing, Mary Zomerlei

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Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update – July 26, 2020

Week of July 20 Mail & After Office

July 19 Offering: \$ 2,430.00

Online Giving: \$ 9,107.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 9,743.00

Total Offering: \$ 21,280.00

July Total: \$ 56,056.00

July Goal: \$ 75,000.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$306,978.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

THANK YOU...

...to the caring people of First Reformed Church. To Matt Cook for his visits, and the congregation for the prayers, cards and calls. We are still going through the baby steps and continue to go through therapy but we are getting there. God is good!

Roy & Judy DeJonge