

The Season of Pentecost

July 5, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

How Firm a Foundation

The Prelude

Carlton Forrester

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Gathering Song

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Marva Dawn, BEACH SPRING

The Call to Worship

Adult: God is full of grace and compassion

Child: He is not grumpy or cross

Both: We will tell everyone about Your life giving power.

Adult: God is faithful.

Child: You can trust God.

Both: We will tell everyone about Your life giving power

Adult: God lifts up the fallen

Child: God lets us have 'do overs' and start again.

Both: Let us praise God together. Hallelujah!

*The Song of Praise

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Ed Cash

The Confession of Sin

Sung response by Barbara Boertje

Leader: O Lord, we confess our sadness and our fears. We feel stuck, trapped inside, overwhelmed, helpless, and even hopeless.

Chorus: ***I Will Give You Rest***

Leader: Forgive us for the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, and the doubt that plagues us.

Chorus: ***I Will Give You Rest***

Leader: Lord, protect us from our fears and remind us that they are not in control of our lives.

Chorus: ***I Will Give You Rest***

Leader: Prepare our hearts to discover Your power in our lives knowing that only You can make us whole.

Chorus: ***I Will Give You Rest***

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In this place we find God's Word, God's way, God's love, and God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the way? In God's unending mercy we find rest and forgiveness from our sins! Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Children's Moment

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 11:25-30

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Burdens that are Blessings"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Reflection

Way Maker

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Fanfare for a Festive Occasion

Lani Smith

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Smitley family, Tony Williams; 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:

- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Jack Kosten**, under the care of hospice.
- **Vonda Style**, had a biopsy July 2.
- **Chuck and Josephine Duimstr**, for ongoing health concerns.
- **Fred Henderson**, recovering from broken ribs caused from a fall.
- **Mark Engels**, at home recovering from planned open heart surgery.
- **Maria Oskam's grandson, Finley**, recovering from surgery at home.
- **Continued prayers for: Roy DeJonge, 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 – July 5, 2020

Week of June 29 Mail & After Office

June 28 Offering: \$ 2,914.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,127.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 5,305.00

Total Offering: \$ 10,346.00

June Total: \$ 86,871.00

June Goal: \$ 70,000.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$306,978.00

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