

The Season of Pentecost
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
August 16, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

Dan Forrest, arr. by Douglas Wagner

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Song of Praise

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts, William Croft, ST. ANNE

*The Call to Worship

Leader 1: It is good to be together, God, with these people, or separated to remain safe, together listening for Your voice,

Leader 2: We are united by Your Spirit.

Leader 1: It is a delight to join together, in so many different ways, to worship You.

Leader 2: We lift our voices with joyful hearts!

Leader 1: It is right to give You our thanks and praise!

Leader 2: May Your grace, the love of Your Son, Jesus, and the communion of Your Holy Spirit be with us now in this hour and always.

Amen.

*The Song of Praise

Crown Him

Jacob Sooter, Stephen McWhirter

The Prayer of Confession

Leader 1: Merciful and forgiving God, we need a spirit of love and acceptance to flood into our lives this day.

Leader 2: Even as we celebrate communion with the giving of the precious bread and wine, we may harbor anger and resentment against others.

Leader 1: We act out of frustration rather than love. We hoard Your gifts and only grudgingly share our bounty with others.

Leader 2: Heal us from our selfishness and our apathy. Give us courage and strength for the ministries in which You have placed us.

Leader 1: We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Words of Forgiveness

From the beginning of all creation, God's word was love. That love has been lavished upon you, not because you did anything to earn it, but because it is God's great gift to you. Live in that love and bring peace to others. Amen.

The Song of Assurance

His Mercy Is More

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Genesis 45:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“God's Mysterious Ways”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Preparation

Remembrance

Matt Maher, Matt Redman

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
The Meaning of the Sacrament
The Apostles' Creed
The Prayer
The Words of the Institution of the Sacrament
The Psalm of Thanksgiving (Psalm 103)

The Prayer of Affirmation & Commitment based on Genesis 45:1-15
Loving God, like Joseph, we don't always understand why things happen the way they do; why our plans and dreams fail, and we find ourselves facing challenge after challenge, and disappointment after disappointment.

Yet, like Joseph, we also believe that You are at work in our lives, and that You have a larger plan and purpose for each one of us.

Give us faith to trust in You no matter what challenges we face. Give us courage to place our dreams and ambitions in Your hands, and then follow where You lead without hesitation, confident that Your loving presence goes with us. Amen.

The Sending Song *The Blessing* Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtrick

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude *Gavotte* G.F. Handel

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Kathy Carpenter, Pastor Matt Cook; 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**, at home following a serious fall down stairs on July 19.
- **Mary Bohn**, recovering from a car accident.
- **Jack Kosten**, under the care of hospice.
- **Vonda Style**, recovering from surgery.
- **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

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frograndville

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Stewardship Update – August 16, 2020

Week of August 10 Mail & After Office

August Collection plate:	\$ 5,290.00
Online Giving:	\$ 5,012.00
Mail in Offering:	\$ 8,569.00
Total Offering:	\$ 18,871.00
August Total:	\$ 31,090.00
August Goal:	\$ 60,000.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$299,578.00

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Food Pantry Needs: We are in dire need of donations! Please consider giving any of the following: Pancake mix, syrup, crackers, cereal (cold or hot), canned fruits or fruit cups, canned meat (tuna/spam/chicken), canned beef stew, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, canned spaghetti/ravioli/beef-a-roni, pudding (cups or a box), jello (cups or a box), hamburger or tuna helper, rice, cake mix and frosting, applesauce (cups or a Jar), back to school snacks/lunch items. Please don't donate canned vegetables or mac-n-cheese, we have plenty of that for now. Thank you!