

The Season of Pentecost

August 23, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Morning Has Broken
10,000 Reasons

BUNESSAN, arr. Anne Marie David
J. Myrin, M. Redman, arr. Heather Sorenson

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Readers 1 & 2: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Reader 3: Bring your silence and calm, bring your frustration and restlessness.

Readers 1 & 2: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.

Reader 3: Bring your songs and your stories, your struggles and your sacrifices.

Reader 1: Know that the Lord is God.

Reader 2: It is He that made us, and we are His;

Readers 1 & 2: We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Reader 3: God designed and created us, He understands us and is intensely interested in us.

ALL: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name.

Reader 3: Bring your gifts and your personalities, your strengths and weaknesses....

ALL: We are here to praise our God!

*The Song of Praise

God of Wonders

Mac Byrd, Steve Hindalong

The Prayer of Confession

Reader 1: We confess that we often forget that we belong to You and not to the world around us.

Reader 2: We forget that You are constantly reaching out to us in love and grace.

Reader 1: We confess that we are sinful and stubborn.

Reader 2: We think, say, and do things that hurt You, others, and ourselves.

Reader 1: We get stuck in our ways and can't or won't listen to Your voice.

Readers 1 & 2: Lord Jesus, please forgive us.

Our Assurance of Forgiveness

Reader 3: It is in our love for others that we discover God's love for us and it is in our forgiving of others that we learn how deeply God has forgiven us. This is the good news offered to us!

Reader 1: We are God's children, called to be different, called to act differently.

Reader 2: We are called to live as new people.

ALL: Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

*The Songs of Assurance

What a Beautiful Name
Break Every Chain

Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood
Will Reagan

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"A Pop Quiz and Open Doors"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Solid Rock

Edward Mote, William Bradbury, SOLID ROCK

*The Song of Commitment

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgists – Pastor Bud Pratt, Rachael Barone, Hannah Barone; Organ – Patty Pratt; 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:

- **Karin Dykstra**, recovering from an eye procedure August 21
- **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: Mary Bohn, Randy Kehr, 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** – Eloise Anderson, Judy Baartman, Crystal Baum, Vern & Norma Boss, Milo Buikema, Sharon Bouwman, Bill & Helen Dertien, Arlene Jacobitz, Kathy Kermeen, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Dorothy VanderLaan, Evelyn Watson, Lois Wing, Mary Zomerlei

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update – August 23, 2020

Week of August 17

August 16 Collection plate: \$ 2,962.00

Online Giving: \$ 5,087.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 13,875.00

Total Offering: \$ 21,924.00

August Total: \$ 53,014.00

August Goal: \$ 60,000.00

August 16 Communion Offering: \$ 245.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$299,578.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

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!