

## The Season of Pentecost

August 30, 2020

### WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Mark Hayes

### WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

\*The Song of Praise

*Ever Be*

K. Heiligenthal, G. Wilson, C. Greely, B. Strand

\*The Call to Worship

based on Exodus 3:1-15

Leader 1: This place for us is Holy Ground.

Leader 2: The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord,

Leader 1: The place where we repeat stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.

Leader 2: God has called us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames,

Leader 1: God's presence here dismantles the barriers we have placed around us.

Leader 2: God meets us in our vulnerability and in our humanity.

Leader 1 & 2: Let us worship the Lord our God.

The Song of Praise

*Creation Sings the Father's Song*

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

The Prayer of Confession

Leader 1: Out of the flames of Your creation, Your voice calls to us.

Leader 2: Yet there are times when we choose to ignore Your voice, and listen instead to our own needs and desires.

Leader 1: We turn away when our faith and motives are challenged.

Leader 2: Father, forgive us for the times we have ignored the needs of others;

Leader 1: Forgive us when we have failed to place our feet upon your path;

Leader 2: Forgive us when we allow the earthly voices around us to distract us from Your call.

Our Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader 1: Hear these words from Christ: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Leader 2: Lord, help us to hear Your voice and respond to Your invitation.

Leader 1: In hearing Your voice, may we find the place You have called us to serve.

Leader 2: So go forth in the power of the Almighty, who forgives you and loves you. Amen.

\*The Song of Assurance

*Deep Within*

David Haas

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15, 4:1-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"Deliverance #1: Every Excuse in the Book"**

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

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

\*The Song of Response

*What the Lord Has Done in Me*

Reuben Morgan

The Blessing for Students

We send you into this new school year with our blessing. As your church, we will lovingly support your growth in grace, knowledge, and wisdom through our prayers and active encouragement. May God fill your year with new exciting adventures, good and faithful friends, and patient and compassionate teachers. We pray that the Holy Spirit will cover you with protection and power as you enter this unique - and sometimes overwhelming - season. May you learn how to think more deeply, love more fully and accept others more openly. May what you learn in school help light the way toward God's future plans for you.

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Song of Commitment

***We Are Called***

David Haas

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

Gregg Sewell

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:**

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Pastor Matt Cook, Naomi Diekman, Colin Diekman; 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:**

- **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 having outpatient surgery August 27 on his vocal chords.
- 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 30, 2020**

Week of August 24

August 23 Collection plate: \$ 3,435.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,767.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 5,232.00

Total Offering: \$ 12,434.00

August Total: \$ 65,448.00

August Goal: \$ 60,000.00

**Outstanding Mortgage Balance** \$299,578.00

**Text to Give** - 616-208-4301

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Carole Kempema 84 on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ron Cook 87 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
James Danek 80 on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Victor DeJonge 82 on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Evelyn Telgen 87 on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
Ruth Cole 93 on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Janet Pofahl 94 on the 24<sup>th</sup>  
Marilyn DeVree 88 on the 28<sup>th</sup>  
Karen Diekema 82 on the 29<sup>th</sup>