

The Season of Pentecost

August 9, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Jennifer Eklund

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Gathering Song

Holy Spirit

Bryan Torwalt, Katie Torwalt

*The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Throughout the ages, Christians have gathered together as one body united in Spirit.

Leader 2: When the world divides us, the Holy Spirit makes us one.

Leader 1: The Holy Spirit is here among us,

Leader 2: within us, around us, between us.

Leader 1: The Holy Spirit is here to strengthen us,

Leader 2: bringing courage, bringing conviction.

Leader 1: The Spirit is here to move us,

Leader 2: it fills us with song and praise.

Leader 1: The Spirit is here,

Leader 2: to help us cross lines that divide.

Leader 1: Come, Holy Spirit and fill our hearts.

Leader 2: Make us one in Your love.

Leader 1 & 2: Holy Spirit, You are welcome here!

*The Song of Praise

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Adrian Howard, Pat Turner

The Confession of Sin

Leader 3: Lord, You asked for my hands, so that You might use them for Your purpose.

I gave them for a moment, but then I withdrew them, for the work was hard.

Leader 2: You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice, but I only gave You a whisper so that I would not be accused.

Leader 1: You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty but I closed them, for I did not want to see.

Leader 3: You asked for my life, so that You could work through me but I gave only a small part, so that I would not get too involved.

Leader 2: Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve You in my own selfish way.

Leader 1: To only serve You when it is convenient for me to do so,

Leader 3: only in those places where it is safe to do so,

Leader 2: and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Leader 1: Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out so that I will take seriously the meaning of Your cross. Amen.

The Words of Forgiveness

Leader 1: Merciful Lord, we confess that in each one of us there is an abundance of sin,
but in You there is the an abundance of mercy.

Leader 2: You love us unconditionally and offer unending forgiveness.

Leader 3: You call us to new life that enables us to begin again and again and again.

ALL: Thanks be to You, O God, for Your amazing grace. Amen

*The Song of Assurance

How Firm a Foundation

Traditional American melody, FOUNDATION

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Genesis 7:11-24, 8:15-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“Through the Waters”

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Stand

*The Song of Response

Joel Houston

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal

arr. A. Jordan

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Matt Cook; Liturgists – Colin Diekman, Naomi Diekman, Jeff Watson; 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 following a serious fall down stairs on July 19.
- **Angie Dragicevich, Mary Bohn, and family**, recovering from a car accident.
- **Jack Kosten**, under the care of hospice.
- **Vonda Style**, having surgery August 10.
- 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**

We extend Christian Sympathy to:

- **Barbara, Cole & Drew Berens**, at the death of their husband and dad, Jeff Berens, on August 4.

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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Stewardship Update – August 2, 2020

Week of August 3 Mail & After Office

August Collection plate: \$ 3,115.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,642.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 5,462.00

Total Offering: \$ 12,219.00

August Total: \$ 12,219.00

August Goal: \$ 60,000.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$299,578.00

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