

**The Season of Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
October 4, 2020**

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend, arr. by James Koerts

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Sylvia Dunstan, HOLY MANNA W. Moore

*The Call to Worship

Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

Sing songs and hymns, old and new; celebrate with praise and prayers!

Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

For God is already here, He is among us and within us.

He brings new life to all who believe.

Let us sing and praise God together!

*The Song of Praise

That's Why We Praise Him

Tommy Walker

The Prayer of Confession

Dear Heavenly Father, we bow our heads before You and we confess that we have often forgotten that we are Yours.

Sometimes we carry on as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You.

For these things we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world.

Renew us, Lord, so that we might become an instrument of Your faithfulness in a world that is desperate for You. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Rejoice and be glad! Our God is full of mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Dare to believe in the gift of a new beginning, and be at peace.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:33-46

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Production Report"

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Song of Preparation

Trinity Song

Sandra McCracken

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Meaning of the Sacrament

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Thanksgiving

*The Song of Commitment

The Stand

Joel Houston

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Alleluia! Song of Gladness

Robert J. Powell

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Matt Cook; Liturgists – Jeff Watson, 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:

- **BJ Veneklasen**, who was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and is going through chemo.
- **Janice Kolkman**, recovering from hip surgery.
- **Janet Pofahl**, recovering from a mild heart attack at home.
- **Jack Kosten**, under the care of hospice.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Karen Diekema, Kim Bergsma, Dave Vander Bee, Mark Engels, Chuck Duimstra, Karin Dykstra, Randy Kehr, Roy DeJonge, Curt Stoel, Lois Sweers, Kaitlin Kremers Lyons.**

Congratulations to:

- **Bryce & Ali Lutke**, who had a baby girl, Emery Jane, born September 27. Emery is currently in the NICU due to premature birth.
- **Dan & Annie Venema**, who had a baby boy, Matthew Bishop, on September 25.

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- The family of **Richard & Kay TenHaken**, at the death of Kay's sister, Lynette Lictus, on September 25 in New York.

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, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Dorothy VanderLaan, Evelyn Watson, Mary Zomerlei

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update – October 4, 2020

Week of September 28

September 27 Collection plate: \$ 4,887.00

Online Giving: \$ 11,227.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 3,705.00

Total Offering: \$ 19,819.00

September Total: \$ 54,482.00

September Goal: \$ 75,000.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$286,578.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

THANK YOU...

... to so many wonderful people for your cards, messages, prayers, meals, and love during my most recent hip surgery and recovery. It started out as an arthroscopic outpatient surgery and ended up being much more than that but I have turned a corner and I'm feeling quite well now. Now I just need to ask for patience because I cannot begin weight-bearing and PT before October 20 at the earliest. Thanks so much again! God is so good, and He uses people like you for His kingdom. We love you. **Kim Bergsma**

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Our church is participating in a coat collection for Roosevelt Park Ministries. **Today through October 14**, we will be collecting new and gently used coats. They will make these available to the families they serve through their ministry. All items should be clean and in good condition. There is a box in the narthex for your donations. Boy's, girl's, men's, and women's coats of all sizes are needed, especially children's coats. If you would like to help the days of the event, please contact Rachel Kishman at the phone number or email listed below:

Office line: 616-475-5881

Email: family.worker@rooseveltparkministries.org

UPCOMING EVENT

Drive-Thru Fall Festival

Sunday, October 11

2:00 – 4:00pm

There will be games, family Bible lesson kits, treat bags with candy, crafts, and toys. Everything can be done from within or one step outside of your car. You will also be able to drop off your donations for the food pantry or cans for the Youth Mission Trip fundraiser.