

**The Season of Pentecost**

September 20, 2020

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord!

*Call upon the name of the Lord!*

Rejoice in the Lord for His endless love and mercy.

*Each one of you is precious in God's sight, a delight in God's presence.*

Know that God's compassionate love is poured over you this day.

*Hallelujah! Praise be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

\*The Song of Praise

***Praise the Father, Praise the Son***

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash

Prayer of Brokenness

Lord of justice and mercy, we quibble over perceived little injustices. We look around us and see mercy being offered to others, when we feel that they have done little to merit such treatment. Father, forgive us.

*Our world is broken. There are true injustices and horrible situations in which peace and mercy seem to be dim and distant hopes. Father, forgive our insensitivities. Give us eyes to see where justice and compassion may be offered. Give us hearts to reach out to those who are new in faith and who struggle in life.*

*Enable and strengthen each one of us in Your service, that we may offer peace and hope to others, not counting the cost, but sharing the wealth of Your mercy and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

\*The Song of Assurance

***Who You Say I Am***

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

\*The Words of Forgiveness

Blessings are showered on all those who seek God.

*Brothers and sisters in Christ, be filled with thankful hearts! God has given you unending love and mercy. Amen.*

\*The Hymn of Preparation

***This Holy Covenant Was Made***

Sylvia Dunstan,  
LAAST UNS ERFRUEN, Ralph Vaughan Williams

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Exodus 16:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**“Deliverance #4: God's Gifts Change Lives”**

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

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

The News of the Church Alive

The Testimony

Disability Awareness

\*The Song of Sending

***Our God***

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:**

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Kathy Geurink, Kevin Meyer; 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:**

- **Karen Diekema**, at home recovering from an infection.
- **Kim Bergsma**, recovering from hip surgery.
- **Jack Kosten**, under the care of hospice.
- **Dave VanderBee**, at St. Mary's with vertigo
- **Lois Sweers**, Steve Sweers' mom, is at Metro Hospital.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Mark Engels, Chuck Duimstra, Karin Dykstra, Vonda Style, Randy Kehr, Roy DeJonge, Curt Stoel, Jim Scovel, Maria Oskam's grandson Finley, Kaitlin Kremers Lyons.**

**We extend Christian sympathy to:**

- The **Izaak & Michelle Hammond family**, at the death of Michelle's step-dad, Jerry Surrell, on September 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** – 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, Lois Wing, Mary Zomerlei

**Please follow our church social media pages:**

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update – September 20, 2020**

Week of September 14

September 13 Collection plate: \$ 3,692.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,722.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 3,690.00

Total Offering: \$ 11,104.00

September Total: \$ 21,303.00

September Goal: \$ 75,000.00

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

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

**Food Pantry Needs:** THANK YOU so much for your continued generosity! Here is an updated list of items we are still in need of: jelly, gravy, instant or canned potatoes, canned fruit, jello, ramen noodles, canned soups, canned creamed soups, and hamburger/tuna helper. Please drop off in the office Monday - Thursday between 9:00am - 1:00pm or Sunday mornings in the Parlor. Thank you!

**THANK YOU...**

...Vonda is improving every day and is thankful for all the calls and cards from people. They were a great encouragement. Also to Bud and Matt for calls, texts and emails. We are very appreciative of First Church members. **Mark & Vonda Style**

## **OPPORTUNITIES 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](mailto:family.worker@rooseveltparkministries.org)

We are also collecting bar soap for the children in Haiti. There will be a box in the narthex for these also. We will be collecting these for the next 2 weeks, **due September 27**. If you have any questions contact Joyce Bolthouse - 643-8223.