

**The Season of Pentecost**

September 6, 2020

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

We've come to worship, to sing and pray and hear God's word, because:

*God's love lasts forever!*

Even when God seems far away, we know:

*God's love lasts forever!*

Even when nothing is going right, and we're ready to give up, we know:

*God's love lasts forever!*

When people treat us badly, we know:

*God's love lasts forever!*

When we're all alone, and we feel like no one loves us, we know:

*God's love lasts forever!*

Let's worship God together!

\*The Hymn of Praise

***O Worship the King***

Robert Grant, LYONS

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You call us to turn away from behaviors and attitudes that belong to the darkness, to live honest and transparent lives as children of the light.

*We confess the times when we have failed; giving in to our darker thoughts and desires and acting in ways that did not bring honor to Your name.*

**Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us. Teach us how to live as children of the light.**

You call us love one another; to put the needs and interests of those around us above our own; to love others as deeply as we have been loved by You.

*We confess the times when we have failed, allowing our own desires and interests to take precedence over the needs of others.*

Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us. Teach us how to love as we have been loved.

*Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us. Teach us how to live with love and integrity.*

**Give us hunger to know You more, so that we may do Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth to which you can run where God cannot find you.

*There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God.

*Go and live with the love of God.*

The Song of Assurance

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

Will L. Thompson

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"Deliverance #2: At a High Cost"**

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

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

\*The Song of Response

**Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

Newton, Rees, Excell, Tomlin, Giglio

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Song of Sending

**King of Kings**

B. Ligertwood, S. Ligertwood, J. Ingram

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:**

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; 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:**

- **Kim Bergsma**, recovering from hip surgery.
- **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.
- **Nancy Roberts** (Nicole Clark's grandmother), lives in Florida and has covid with lung complications.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Vonda Style, Randy Kehr, Roy DeJonge, 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 – September 6, 2020**

Week of August 31

August 30 Collection plate: \$ 4,695.00

Online Giving: \$ 1,657.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 4,925.00

Total Offering: \$ 11,277.00

August Total: \$ 76,725.00

August Goal: \$ 60,000.00

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

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

**Food Pantry Needs:** THANK YOU so much for your generous donations we have received! We greatly appreciate it! We have received lots of cereal, peanut butter, canned tomatoes, tuna and snacks. We are set for a while with these items. We are still in need of canned fruit, drinks, jelly, boxed or canned potatoes, gravy, beef stew, cake mix, frosting, syrup, pancake mix, spaghetti/canned pasta, 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!