

The Season of Pentecost

Profession of Faith

October 11, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

arr. Carol Tornquist

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Father, You are the almighty and everlasting God. Your love sustains us in all things, and You are with us in worship this morning.

We gather here to worship You and to give thanks for Your constant presence in our lives.

We come to be spiritually restored from our hectic lives for we face so many challenges in our daily living. There are always blocks that get in the way and obstacles that keep us from opening our lives more fully to You.

The constant beeping of phones, machines, and video messages assault our senses, keeping us from one another and from You. We know that Your everlasting abundance is ready for us, yet our eyes look elsewhere. Just as You fed thousands with a few fish and loaves of bread many years ago, You are here to feed us in our search for meaning in a world of endless and complex choices.

Your spirit lifts us and Your mercy heals us. Help us to take time to listen for Your voice and restore our connection to You.

Let us praise our God!

*The Hymn of Praise

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Henry F. Lyte, John Goss

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we are not always people who live by faith. We know that we were created in Your image, but we treat ourselves and each other in ways that do not honor Your presence within us.

We know Your commandments, but act in ways that harm our neighbors. We hear Your call to reach out to those most in need, but instead we turn our backs on them and You.

Forgive us, O God, and help us, day by day, to become more faithful followers and the people You created us to be.

In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Our Almighty God has promised forgiveness to all who turn to Him in faith.

He pardons you and sets you free from all your sins.

He will strengthen you to do His will and keep you in eternal life.

Thanks be to God for His mercy and His gift of salvation.

*The Song of Preparation

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 6:30-44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“Jesus Is Worthy of Our Trust”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Commitment

I Am

David Crowder, Ed Cash

The Profession of Faith

The Introduction

The Word of God

The Prayer
The Questions to the Confirmand
The Reading of the Statement of Faith
The Declaration and Mentor Blessing
The Prayer

The Bible Presentation (live + video)

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

Hymn of St. Patrick

John O'Keeffe, Dwight Beal

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – The Rev. Dr. Felix Theonugraha, President of Western Theological Seminary; Liturgists – Pastor Bud Pratt, Mary Cook;
Organ – Beth Sweers; Piano – Anna Kooima; 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:

- Bryce & Ali Lutke's baby girl, **Emery Jane**, is in the NICU due to premature birth.
- **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.
- **Rikki Leanne DePuy**, 24 year old granddaughter of Richard DePuy, is recovering from a broken neck and on a ventilator in Greenville Nursing Home.
- 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.**

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- The family of **EI & Mary Etta Zwart**, at the death of EI's mom, Bernice Zwart, on October 5.

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

Drive-Thru Fall Festival TODAY!

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.

Stewardship Update – October 11, 2020

Week of October 5

October 4 Collection plate: \$ 5,700.00

Online Giving: \$ 5,597.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 9,755.00

Total Offering: \$ 21,052.00

October Total: \$ 21,052.00

October Goal: \$ 70,000.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$286,578.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

THANK YOU...

... for all of the donations of soap. It is all on the way to Haiti. We had about 350-400 bars that will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Joyce Bolthouse

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

Thanks again for your generosity for donations to the Food Pantry. We have the pantry almost restocked but we still are in need of: empty boxes, assorted soups, cream soups, canned fruit, stuffing canned beef stew, ramen noodles, jello, jelly