

Lent IV  
March 14, 2021

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

*Improvisation on "To God be the Glory"*

Franny Crosby, William Doane

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Song of Praise

***What a Beautiful Name with Break Every Chain***

Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood  
Will Reagan

\*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 34

Leader 1: I will bless the Lord at all times

Leader 2: His praise shall be continually in my mouth

Leader 1: My soul makes it boast in the Lord

Leader 2: Let the humble hear and be glad

Leader 1: O magnify the Lord with me

Leader 2: Let us exalt His name together.

\*The Song of Praise

***God So Loved***

Matt Crocker, Marty Sampson

The Lenten Candle Lighting

Leader 1: On this fourth Sunday of Lent, Jesus reminds us to prepare ourselves for the coming of His kingdom. He calls us to be faithful in continuing His work on earth:

Leader 2: to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the captives, and release from darkness,

Leader 1: to bind up the brokenhearted and comfort those who mourn.

Leader 2: We commit ourselves to this work, not in order to earn salvation but out of gratitude for the salvation we have received by grace alone, confident in our hope for Christ's return.

*(Light four candles.)*

Leader 1: Lord Jesus, as we walk with You through these forty days, let Your light shine into our hearts.

**People: Brighten the darkness of our lives, and show us where we need to repent.**

Leader 2: In our thoughts, words, and actions, teach us to rely on You.

**People: Renew us as Your people, that we may carry Your light to the world.**

\*The Song of Response

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

John Newton, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**".....but God"**

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

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

\*The Song of Sending

***All the People Said Amen***

Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak

\*The News of the Church Alive

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*All the People Said Amen*

Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Kathy Carpenter; Praise Team

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update – March 7, 2021**

March 7 Collection Plate	\$ 6,939.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,222.00
Mail in Offering:	\$ 9,193.00
Total Offering:	\$ 20,354.00
March Total:	\$ 20,354.00
March Goal:	\$ 60,000.00
<b>Outstanding Mortgage Balance</b>	\$101,000.00
<b>Text to Give</b> - 616-208-4301	

**Sunday School** – 3 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in-person Sunday School will meet during the worship service in the Assembly room downstairs but SIGN-UP is required. Contact Angie to sign up: [angie@firstgrandville.org](mailto:angie@firstgrandville.org) or 616-828-6580.

**Middle School Youth Group** (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets in the Family Life Center from 4:00-5:30pm.

**High School Youth Group** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets in the Family Life Center from 6:30-8:00pm.

**Youth Mission Trip fundraisers:**

- **Pop can drive** - There will be a labeled trash can in the Youth Lounge all year for you to drop off your empty cans.

**Food Pantry needs** - The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: jelly, pancake mix, syrup, potatoes, gravy, hamburger helper, frosting, canned tomatoes, muffin mix. If you would like to donate any of these items please leave them in the box on the table in the parlor.

**College Scholarships:** Scholarship forms are available in the office or online. These are for anyone who is a member of church and going to college in Fall 2021. They are due in the office no later than **Friday, April 9, at noon.**

**Memorial Easter Flowers** – This Easter we will again purchase potted spring flowers to decorate the church for our worship celebration. You are welcome to donate a \$15 spring plant in memory or in honor of a relative or friend. Their name will be listed in the Easter worship bulletin. You can get a form off the table in the narthex and mail or drop off the form to the office or stop by the church office during the week and fill one out with \$15 per plant by March 19. After the Easter service we ask that you take your plant home.

**Maple Tree Preschool Registration** - Preschool registration for 2021-2022 has begun! If you know of a family looking for a preschool, please have them check out [www.mapletreepreschool.org](http://www.mapletreepreschool.org) and [Maple Tree Preschool's Facebook page](#).

**Maple Tree Preschool Fundraisers**

**Scholastic Book Orders:**

Stock up on birthday and Christmas gifts for your grandchildren/children! When you order from Scholastic, it earns Maple Tree rewards including books, preschool toys, manipulatives and classroom supplies for free!

HOME DELIVERY: During the COVID-19 crisis, you can choose at checkout to have book orders shipped to Maple Tree Preschool or to your homes.

Order Online at [Scholastic Book Clubs](#)

Sign in or create an account.

Connect to Maple Tree Preschool by entering our Class Code: P63H2

Books are ordered monthly (September-April).

## **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:**

- **Ken VanderHeide**, recovering from heart surgery following a heart attack.
- **Joyce Bolthouse**, diagnosed with lumbar spinal stenosis. Procedure to correct is coming soon.
- **Roger Tuinstra**, under the care of hospice at American House.
- **Glenn Zwart**, going through rehab following a stroke.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Chad Holleman, BJ Veneklasen, Don Alderink, Dorothy VanderLaan, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Roy DeJonge, Curt Stoel, Jakob Kempema, Mike VanDuinen, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

### **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)
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### **Please keep in your hearts and minds:**

- **Our Family at Home members** – Eloise Anderson, Judy Baartman, Crystal Baum, Vern & Norma Boss, Bill & Helen Dertien, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Dorothy VanderLaan, Evelyn Watson, Mary Zomerlei  
**FAH March birthdays:** March 17 – Eloise Anderson, 2989 Tansy Trail, Grandville 49418