

Lent V
March 21, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Songs of Praise

***You Are My King (Amazing Love)
Who You Say I Am***

Billy James Foote
Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

*The Call to Worship

based on John 12:20-33

Leader 1: Each day is a gift from God; each moment is an opportunity to reach out in service to all that God has created.

Leader 2: Each day is a reminder of the new covenant, not written on stone tablets easily broken, but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.

Leader 1: Each day we draw closer to God: who has forgotten more than we ever learn;
who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.

Leader 2: Blessed be the God of our salvation. Let us celebrate God's love together.

*The Hymn of Praise

What Wondrous Love Is This

Appalachian folk hymn, *Southern Harmony*

The Lenten Candle Lighting

Leader 1: Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent. As we travel with Jesus toward the cross, we remember that He prayed for His disciples and for all who believe in Him.

Leader 2: We remember that just as He prayed for us during His ministry on earth, the risen Christ continues to pray for us as He reigns in heaven.

Leader 1: Let us take comfort in this promise and seek the unity that will display God's glory to the world.
(Light five candles.)

Leader 2: 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 1: 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

John 12:20-33

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Gazing Upon the Cross"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Celebration

You Keep Hope Alive

Anthony Skinner, Jess Cates, Jon Reddick

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Hymn of Commitment

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts, HAMBURG Lowell Mason

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Jeff Watson, Reid Dykstra; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update – March 14, 2021

March 14 Collection Plate	\$ 5,497.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,062.00
Mail in Offering:	\$ 7,862.00
Total Offering:	\$ 16,421.00
March Total:	\$ 36,775.00
March Goal:	\$ 60,000.00
Outstanding Mortgage Balance	\$101,000.00
Text to Give - 616-208-4301	

Sunday School – 3 years old – 5th 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 or 616-828-6580.

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

High School Youth Group today (9th-12th 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.**

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 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).

Global Mission Council - Be a part of our church's role in supporting the Great Commission by joining the Global Mission Council. Time commitment is minimal (one hour meeting per month, and periodic correspondence with a missionary partner). One of our members recently mentioned the joy they feel whenever they correspond with one of our missionary partners. It's not only a privilege to join the Lord in his work, but our missionaries also provide us with a front row seat into what it's like to live and work in various parts of the world. For more information, please contact Jeff Muller at 616.889.5187 or jeff@mullerdesign.net.

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.
- **Joyce Bolthouse**, having surgery to repair lumbar spinal stenosis on March 31.
- **Trudie Wierda**, having knee surgery April 1.
- **Roger Tuinstra**, under the care of hospice at American House.
- **Ann Ross**, Gail Frens' sister, recovering from a brain bleed.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Glenn Zwart, Chad Holleman, BJ Veneklasen, Don Alderink, Dorothy VanderLaan, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Roy DeJonge, Curt Stoel, Jakob Kempema, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

Congratulations to:

- **Stuart & Brittany Zuehlke**, had a baby girl, Willow Elaine, on March 11.

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- **Steve & Beth Sweers**, at the death of Steve's mom, Lois Sweers on March 14.

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, 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

THANK YOU...

...for the cards and prayers during recovery from my heart procedure. **Dave Timmerman**