

Easter Sunday
The Celebration of the Resurrection
April 4, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN, arr. Richard Heffler

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Bell Peal and Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, EASTER HYMN

*The Call to Worship (wave streamers and ring bells in celebration)

Leader 1: On this joyous Easter morning, we have come to celebrate our Risen Lord!

Leader 2: On this great day, we proclaim His glorious resurrection.

People: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Leader 1: On this most holy of days, the One whom we tried to destroy has risen triumphant from the tomb.

Leader 2: On this day the weight of our sin has been lifted from us.

People: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Leader 1: The tomb is empty!

Leader 2: The soldiers have returned home.

People: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Leader 1: The anger of the crowds is gone.

Leader 2: The time of grieving has ended.

People: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Leader 1: The power of life has overcome the power of death and hope is restored.

Leader 2: We come to worship the God whose resurrection power lives on in the Christ we serve.

People: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The Song of Praise

The Power of the Cross

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader 1: Today is Easter Sunday! The tomb is empty, and we celebrate the good news of the resurrection:

Leader 2: Christ, who died for our sins, is risen, and we are raised to new life with Him.

Leader 1: Our lives are no longer our own, but because we belong to the risen Christ, we live by His Spirit.

Leader 2: Hear these words from 2 Corinthians 5:

Leader 1: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Leader 2: We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.

(The Christ candle is relit.)

Leader 1: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Bell Peal

*The Song

Come, People of the Risen King

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“Seeing is Believing”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Response

Living Hope

Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Affirmation of Our Faith

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Toccata from Symphony #5

Charles-Marie Widor

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Pastor Matt Cook, Jeff Watson; Bells of Joy; Violin – Marilyn Brannen; Viola – Mal Brannen; Cello – Kevin Sweers; Organ – Patty Pratt; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update – March 28, 2021

March 28 Collection Plate	\$ 5,947.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,422.00
Total Offering:	\$ 8,369.00
March Total:	\$ 58,394.00
March Goal:	\$ 60,000.00
Outstanding Mortgage Balance	\$ 93,078.00
Text to Give - 616-208-4301	

Sunday School – There will not be Sunday School April 4 & 11 due to Spring Break. Sunday School will resume on April 18. You can contact Angie to sign your child(ren) 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. We will not meet on April 4 but will resume on April 11.

High School Youth Group today (9th-12th grade) – meets in the Family Life Center from 6:30-8:00pm. We will not meet on April 4 but will resume on April 11.

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: Scholarships are due this Friday, April 9, at noon. 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. **If you drop off a hard copy of your scholarship there will be no one in the office on Friday, April 9, but you can put them in the after hours drop box outside the north door. We will be checking the box at noon so any scholarships dropped off after noon will not be accepted. You can also email your scholarship form to mail@firstgrandville.org by noon, Friday, April 9.**

THANK YOU...

...to everyone who gave support and prayers for us and the cards and emails during Glenn's recovery from his stroke. And 'Thank you too our "Great Physician" above for providing His healing mercy's. **Glenn & Eileen Zwart**

...I want to thank everyone for the tulips and prayers. **Karin Dykstra**

...for the prayers for my sister Ann Ross. She is regaining strength and expecting a full recovery over time. **Gail and Duane Frens**

...for the cards, calls and prayers during my hospitalization. I am home and doing well. Your support has been a blessing.

Ken VanderHeide

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:

- **Emmett Hough**, at Mercy Health.
- **Gerardo Vacaguzman**, having kidney stone surgery Monday, April 5.
- **Ken VanderHeide**, at home recovering from heart surgery.
- **Joyce Bolthouse**, recovering from surgery.
- **Trudie Wierda**, recovering from knee surgery.
- **Roger Tuinstra**, under the care of hospice at American House.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Glenn Zwart, BJ Veneklasen, Don Alderink, Dorothy VanderLaan, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Roy DeJonge, Curt Stoel, Jakob Kempema, 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)

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 April birthdays: April 30 – Norma Boss, Waterford Place Assisted Living, #D-D-211, 1725 Port Sheldon, Jenison, 49428

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ardythe Veldsma	84 on the 12 th
Norma Boss	94 on the 30 th

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.

MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWERS

The flowers that grace our Sanctuary today are in honor of our loved ones or in memory of loved ones who have passed on. Easter Sunday is an especially fitting day to remember how Christ's resurrection conquered death so that all who believe in Him can live together in heaven - eternally!

In Memory/Honor Of:

My husband, Len, and son, Bob Smit
My aunt, Elaine DeHaan
Our parents—Harvey & Beatrix Frens & John & Lois McLachlan
Duane Diekema
Anne & Elmer Tusch, Van & Stan Yntema, Rowen Dwight Yntema
Husband John
Edward Wenerski, cherished father, who served the Lord faithfully,
and loved unconditionally.
My husband—Gord Plaggemars
Husband Paul Wierda
Father - Les Koster & husband - Dennis VanCamp
Rev. Justin & Mrs. Trenie Hoffman, Mr. Richard & Mrs. Elizabeth DeVries
Arthur & Joyce Start
Truman & Shirley Dekker
Harold & Sue Ludema
Nicolas Barkema, Cheryl's dad
Nancy Meyer
Brian TerHorst - cousin, best friend of Nate & Leah Boer & family
Robert Roos
Catherine Timmerman - granddaughter
Paul & Dorothy Pratt, Becky Pratt, In honor of medical workers
Herbert & Cornelia Stoel, Harriet Nyquist
In loving memory of Steven Sonema
Edward & Phyllis Cline, Ronald Besteman
Annamae, Harold, & Doug DeRidder

By:

Leonora Smit
Lori Turnbull
Duane & Gail Frens
Karen Diekema
Art & Sheryl Tusch
Marcia Blue

Karen Wenerski
Ruth Plaggemars
Sally Wierda
Kimberly VanCamp
Vern & Carol Hoffman
Terry Start & Pat Start
Harold & Sharon Ludema
Harold & Sharon Ludema
Robb & Cheryl DeVries
Arthur Meyer
Eileen Zwart
Marie Roos
Dave & Linda Timmerman
Bud & Patty Pratt
Curt & Carol Stoel
Nancy Sonnema
Mike & Kim Cline
DeGood, Wouthuis, & Burns families