

Eastertide
April 11, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

I Will Rise

Tomlin, Giglio, Reeves, Maher arr. Heather Sorenson

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Samuel Medley, John Hatton DUKE STREET

The Call to Worship

from Psalm 66

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name!

Say to the Lord, "How awesome are Your works!"

People: Everything on earth will worship You. They sing praise to You, they sing praise to Your name.

Leader: Come and see what God has done, what miracles He has done for His people!

*The Songs of Praise

Amen (Because He Lives) Tomlin, W&G Gaither, Carson, Cash, Ingram, Maher
Happy Day Tim Hughes, Ben Cantelon

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: We gather here as a people who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord. We gather to worship God, to give thanks for Jesus Christ and to witness to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Yet, we admit that there are times when we feel afraid, abandoned, and lonely; when faith leads to doubt and questions rather than a sense of joy or peace of mind. Lord Jesus Christ, unlike those first disciples, we cannot touch You or see You, and so it is all too easy to have doubts.

People: Forgive us when we find the truth of Easter hard to believe.

Leader: Come to us, risen Savior, come through the closed doors of our hearts and minds and take away our fears and doubts;

People: Come to us, risen Christ, breathe on us and fill us with the joy and peace of Your presence.

Leader: Bless us all as people who have not seen You, but who believe that You are truly the risen Christ, Son of God. Amen.

The Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: "If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." And if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

*The Hymn of Response

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Latin Hymn, Giovanni da Palestrina VICTORY

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Come on In, Come on Out"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Celebration

I Will Rise

Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio, Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

J. Wayne Kerr

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kathy Carpenter; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

April 4 Collection Plate	\$ 10,705.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,487.00
Total Offering:	\$ 15,192.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2021 budget	\$ 16,975.00
2021 Annual budget	\$882,740.00
Outstanding Mortgage Balance	\$ 87,378.00
Text to Give - 616-208-4301	

Sunday School – There will not be Sunday School today 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.

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

Youth Mission Trip fundraiser:

- **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.

THANK YOU...

....so much to all who have come to visit me and the beautiful flowers and palm branch. I love you all. **Crystal Baum**

...for the flowers, study guide and the weekly bulletin – all very much enjoyed and appreciated. **Evelyn Lindhout**

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:

- **Gerardo Vacaguzman**, recovering from kidney stone surgery.
- **Emmett Hough**, is a patient at Mercy Health.
- **Trudie Wierda**, recovering from knee surgery.
- **Joyce Bolthouse**, recovering from surgery.
- **Ken VanderHeide**, at home recovering from heart 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: 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

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.