

Eastertide
April 18, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

Carlton Forrester

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Songs of Praise

***This Is Amazing Grace
We Will Glorify***

Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro
Twila Paris

*The Call to Worship

Leader 1: God our Creator, we walked into church today needing You in different ways.

Some of us need strength because we are facing a big challenge.

Leader 2: Some of us need hope, because we feel like giving up. Some of us need love because we are feeling alone.

Leader 1: We come now to hear Your voice, whether through words or music, or in a quiet moment of reflection.

Leader 2: You are here, You are with us.

People: Let us worship our Risen Lord.

*The Hymn of Praise

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Christopher Wordsworth
ODE TO JOY Ludwig van Beethoven adapt. Edward Hodges

The Prayer of Confession

Leader 1: Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all.

Leader 2: We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives as we ought.

Leader 1: We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory.

Leader 2: Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. Amen.

The Words of Assurance

Based on Romans 10:9

Leader 1: If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The Song of Preparation

Speak, O Lord

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 15:42-47

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“Keeping Jesus Sealed in a Tomb”

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Commitment

Mighty to Save

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Postscript on a Hymn Tune

Based on *Middlebury*, Gilbert M Martin

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Kathy Geurink, Bob Stelma; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

April 11 Collection Plate	\$ 11,915.00
Online Giving:	\$ 6,372.00
Total Offering:	\$ 18,287.00

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 – 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 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.

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:

- **Don Ferris**, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
- **Emmett Hough**, is at Healthbridge.
- **Gerardo Vacaguzman**, recovering from kidney 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: Ken VanderHeide, 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

One of our former missionaries, **Judy Estell** will be traveling to Mayo Clinic this weekend to undergo surgery on Wednesday, April 21st for Extramammary Paget's Disease. She expresses her thanks in advance to you, Friends at First Grandville.

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).