

The Growing Season

June 13, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Be Thou My Vision (with "Shepherd's Song" from Symphony No. 6 Pastoral)
Traditional Irish Melody, Ludwig van Beethoven arr. by Jennifer Eklund

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Song of Praise

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Ed Cash

*The Call to Worship

Leader: God is the sower, planting seeds;

People: May the seeds God has planted grow and blossom in us!

Leader: God is the gatherer at harvest-time;

People: God sees our potential, and uses it for the beloved community.

Leader: God is the One who encourages us to grow;

People: God desires for us to build the reign of God on earth, as it is in heaven.

Leader: Come, worship God, now in this place and every day by living faithfully into God's desires for us;

People: Bear spiritual fruit, flourish in God's love, and grow!

*The Call to Confession

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Handt Hanson

The Prayer of Brokenness

Leader: Almighty God and Creator of us all, we confess that we have not lived into our potential.

People: We shy away from the gifts You have given us.

Leader: We have thought ourselves too small or too weak.

People: We have thought our resources too meager, and the risk too great.

Leader: Forgive us for not seeing ourselves the way You see us, as fully embodied vessels of Your love in this world, full of the Spirit.

People: Renew in us Your Spirit of encouragement, wonder, and joy, and send us forth into this world that desperately needs Your love, peace, and justice. Amen.

The Blessing

God knows you. God knows everything about you. God has filled your heart with good things, filled you with the Spirit. You are fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image, and God needs you in this world. Go, share the good news by loving your neighbor as yourselves. Amen.

The Song of Gratitude

Goodness of God

Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram
Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 4:26-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Mustard Seed Thinking"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Response

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE Traditional Irish hymn arr. Donald P. Hustad

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

Build Your Kingdom

Rend Collective Experiment

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Since I Have Been Redeemed

Edwin O. Excell, arr. by Dan Forrest

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Kevin Meyer; Organist – Beth Sweers; Duet – Ken & Jodi Neevel; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

June 6 Collection Plate	\$ 12,777.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,887.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 15,664.00

Average weekly offering needed

to make 2021 budget \$ 16,975.00

2021 Annual budget \$882,740.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$ 73,500.00

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.

Bonfire Night – Wednesday, June 23 - Want to connect with others while playing yard games, play on the playground, make smores? Grab a camp chair and come to the Family Life Center parking lot any time between 7 and 9pm.

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.

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:

- **Jan Hodges**, having shoulder surgery June 16.
- **Roy DeJonge**, recovering from eye surgery.
- **Roger Tuinstra**, under the care of hospice at American House.
- **Andrew Lau**, recovering from a liver transplant.
- Janet Pofahl's granddaughter, **Erica**, was involved in a serious bus accident in Georgia and is hospitalized with severe burns.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: BJ Veneklasen, Bill Ritsema, Don Ferris, Trudie Wierda, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Curt Stoel, Jakob Kempema, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

Campers this week:

- **Riley Hengst, Leah Kooima**

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), **Ben Westrick**

Please keep in your hearts and minds:

- **Our Family at Home members** – Eloise Anderson, Judy Baartman, Crystal Baum, Norma Boss, Helen Dertien, Karin Dykstra, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Janet Pofahl, Evelyn Watson, Mary Zomerlei

Summer campers - If you have a child going to camp this summer and would like their name in the bulletin to pray for them while they are there, please email mail@firstgrandville.org with their name and date they will be at camp.

THANK YOU...

... Thank you so very much, First Reformed Grandville Family, for walking this journey with me during the last weeks. I firmly believe God heard and answered your prayers, and it is because of your faithfulness in praying for me that I am doing as well as I am. Believe me, it has been quite the journey, and even now, I am continuing to deal with a couple of rumble strips that are in the road. No one is sure why they are showing up now, but God's got these, too, because I know He is good and faithful. As I thank you, I also pray that God will bless you as you continue to show God's love through your thoughts, actions, and prayers, not only to me, but to others as well. Being a part of the family of God is truly awesome! Thank you! Always held in his grip, **Judy Estell**

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](#).