

The Growing Season
June 27, 2021
The Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
(based on the tune BEACH SPRING ~ B.F. White)

Dale Wood

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Gathering Song

Way Maker

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

*The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Praise the Lord, and let the sound of His praise be heard!

Leader 2: Praise the Creator of the universe. Great is His power!

Leader 1: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, whose breath gives us life.

Leader 2: ...whose hands create beauty,

Leader 1: ...whose love brings freedom,

Leader 2: ...whose glory fills the earth, we bring our praise to You.

**All: We praise our Mighty God, whose touch gives healing, whose words offer forgiveness,
whose suffering brings life, whose death is victory.**

Leader 1: Great is His power!

Leader 2: Let the sound of His praise be heard in this place!

*The Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander, tr. Catherine Winkworth
LOBE DEN HERREN *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*

Our Confession of Sin

Leader 1: Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before You and we confess that we have often forgotten that we are Yours.

Leader 2: We carry on our lives as if there was no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness to You.

All: For these things we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength.

Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world.

Leader 1: Forgive our lack of trust and help us to proclaim Your life-giving power with courage, no matter what the circumstances.

Leader 2: Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayers of confession in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Grace

based on Ephesians 2:8

Leader 1: Good friends: God is at work in you! God is alive!

ALL: God lives, but sin is dead. Our sins are forgiven through Christ, our Savior.

Leader 2: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. This is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

ALL: Thanks be to God for His gift of salvation!

*The Songs of Gratitude

***Mighty to Save
The Stand***

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan
Joel Houston

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 5:21-43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Faith and Desperation"

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Commitment

Will You Come and Follow Me?

The Iona Community
KELVINGROVE Scottish traditional arr. John L. Bell

The Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"

Beethoven, arr. Gordon Young

*All who are able, please stand

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

Today we ordain and install to the new Consistory: Elders – Steve, Kim Donze, Chad Holleman, Sue Plasman
Deacons – Bryce Lutke, Anne Potyraj

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

June 13 Collection Plate	\$ 11,222.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 4,557.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 15,779.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2021 budget	\$ 16,975.00
2021 Annual budget	\$882,740.00
Outstanding Mortgage Balance	\$ 67,000.00
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.

Next Bonfire Night – Wednesday, July 28 - 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.

Memorial service for **Dorothy VanderLaan** will be this Wednesday, June 30, at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

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...

...to our Church Family for the calls, prayers, cards and texts in wishing me God's blessing on my knee surgery and recovery. It was greatly appreciated. **Dave Krombeen**

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](#).

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:

- **El Zwart**, home with blood clots in his lungs.
- **Roy DeJonge**, home recovering from a stroke.
- **Roger Tuinstra**, under the care of hospice at American House.
- **Andrew Lau**, home recovering from a liver transplant.
- **Kim (VanPortfliet) Start**, recovering from a stroke.
- **Kim Duimstra** (Chuck's daughter and caregiver), recovering from mini strokes.
- **Loretta VerSluis** (Joyce Ferris' sister), is in Blodgett Hospital with heart issues.
- 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, Don Ferris, Trudie Wierda, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Curt Stoel, Jakob Kempema, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- **John, Kelly & Maddie Kievit**, at the death of John's mother, Linda Kievit, on June 21.
- **Jim & Diann Baer & Ruth & Carolyn Cole**, at the death of Jim's mom & Ruth & Carolyn's sister, Lucille Baer on June 23.

Campers this week:

- **Samuel Dykstra**

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