

The Growing Season

July 25, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*How Firm a Foundation* Funk's Genuine Church Music, arr. Craig Courtney

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

\*The Song of Praise

*How Great Is Our God*

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash

\*The Call to Worship

based on Psalm 145:10-18

Leader: All living things thank You, Lord, and we, Your people, bless You.

**ALL: We talk about the glory of Your kingdom and mention examples of Your power.**

Leader: We talk about Your miracles and about the glory and majesty of Your reign.

**ALL: We tell people that Your kingdom never ends and how You rule from generation to generation.**

Leader: We tell others how the Lord has lifted the fallen and helped those who didn't think they could make it on their own.

**ALL: We have witnessed how You constantly satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.**

**How You give us enough and supply all our needs.**

Leader: The Lord is fair in everything He does and is full of kindness. He is close to us when we call on Him with sincerity.

**ALL: Help us to be mindful of Your power as we continue to worship You in this place.**

\*The Song of Praise

*Our God*

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

Our Confession and Assurance

Leader: We like to be self-sufficient people who do not need to rely on others.

**ALL: We know that everything we have comes from God but we have trouble admitting that.**

Leader: We love to claim Jesus as our Savior, but we don't always live our lives accordingly.

**ALL: If we saw Jesus walking on the water, we would be terrified as the disciples were.**

Leader: We know and believe...

**ALL: that God gives us enough to satisfy all our needs.**

Leader: We know that God is the refuge of the poor and humble

**ALL: And we realize that God is our protection.**

Leader: We are like the disciples in the boat -

**ALL: when we take Jesus in, we have already reached our destination. Praise be to God!**

The Children's Moment

\*The Hymn of Preparation

*Break Now the Bread of Life* Mary Lathbury, Alexander Groves, William Sherwin

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

John 6:1-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"All in a Day's Work!"**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

\*The Hymn of Response

*How Firm a Foundation*

J. Rippon, FOUNDATION J. Funk, Dale Grotenhuis

The News of the Church Alive

The Mission Update

Jodi Oppenhuizen

\*The Song of Sending

***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ***

Fred Kaan, LINSTEAD Jamaican folk tune  
Adapted: Doreen Potter

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Fantasy-Toccata on FOUNDATION*

Early American Melody arr. Alice Jordan

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kevin Meyer; Children’s Moment - Angie Walker; Organist – Patty Pratt; Praise Team

**Please follow our church social media pages:**

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

July 18 Collection Plate	\$ 7,325.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 4,572.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 11,897.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2021 budget	\$ 16,975.00
2021 Annual budget	\$882,740.00
<b>Outstanding Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$ 57,000.00</b>

**Text to Give** - 616-208-4301

**Mortgage update** as of July 12, 2021 - As you can see we are making great progress on paying off our mortgage balance, as of today we owe \$57,000. Since December 31, 2020 we have paid off \$122,548. Once again we have an opportunity to pay this balance off by the end of this year. A church family has made us an offer to challenge us to a match gift up to \$25,000. Wouldn't it be great if we could pay our mortgage off by the end of this year? Please consider making a gift over and above your regular offering to the Building Fund. With all of us working on this we should be able to start 2022 debt free.

As always we are thankful for your gifts and offering to our church, "God is Good".

Your Finance Deacons: Tim Kooima, Tony Williams, & Mark Donker.

**Sunday School** – 3 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade - will resume on August 15. Nursery is available.

**Bonfire Night this Wednesday**, July 28 - Want to connect with others while playing yard games, play on the playground, make smores? We will also be having a Dunk Tank fundraiser. Take a turn at dunking Pastor Bud, Pastor Matt, or Jeff. Adults \$1 a ball, Kids 12 & under \$1 for 3 balls. 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.

**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](http://www.mapletreepreschool.org) and [Maple Tree Preschool's Facebook page](#).

**Items needed for August shipment to Haiti** – Either bar, liquid, or hotel sample soap, Beanie Babies they can use for kids in the hospital, cloth tote bags (can be used and can have logos on them). Questions? Call Joyce Bolthouse – 643-8223

## 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:

- **Ken Ploeg**, recovering from back surgery.
- **Roger Tuinstra**, under the care of hospice at American House.
- 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: Roy DeJonge, Jim Danek, BJ Veneklasen, Trudie Wierda, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Kim Duimstra, Curt Stoel, Andrew Lau, Kim (VanPortfliet) Start, Jakob Kempema, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

### Congratulations to:

- **Kyle & Kristen Russell & family**, at the birth of a baby boy, Charlie Evert, on July 15.

### We extend Christian sympathy to:

- **The family of Mark & Vonda Style**, at the death of Vonda's father, Robert TenPas, on July 17.

### Camper this week:

- **Judd & Jay Kleinheksel, Griffin Purser, Henry Stadt, Brooke Holleman**

### 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, Ron & Dorothy Cook, Helen Dertien, Karin Dykstra, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Janet Pofahl, Evelyn Watson, Mary Zomerlei

In case of an emergency and no one is at church you may call Pastors Bud Pratt - 708-302-5645,  
Matt Cook - 616-893-4189 or consistory vice president Bob Stelma - 616-822-3859, or any of the other elders.