

**The Growing Season**

August 1, 2021

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*

J.S. Bach arr, Stephen Bulla  
John B. Dykes, arr. Douglas Court

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Gathering Songs

*Agnus Dei*  
*Better Is One Day*

Michael W. Smith  
Matt Redman

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**ALL: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in His holy temple.

**ALL: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**ALL: Teach us Your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always. Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

Rusty Edwards, NETTLETON  
John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*

The Children's Moment

A Clean Heart

Psalm 51

The Song of Confession

*Create In Me a Clean Heart*

arr. Sharon Bradimore

The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Amazing Grace*

Traditional, arr. James Curnow

\*The Hymn of Preparation

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Sylvia G. Dunstan, HOLY MANNA  
W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, Norman E. Johnson

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

John 6:22-35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"It's Not About Me.....or You"**

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

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

\*The Sending Song

*Thrive*

Mark Hall, Matthew West

The Mission Moment

Jeff Watson

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Holy Manna – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Southern Harmony, setting Wilbur Held

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; Organist – Patty Pratt; Saxophone – Jeffrey Allardyce;  
Praise Team

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

July 25 Collection Plate	\$ 5,902.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,477.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 9,379.00

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

**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

**Save the Date**

Our Fall Kick Off celebration will take place on September 12 with an all-church luncheon. Plan to join us!

**August Sunday Sign-Ups**

As we begin to plan for Sunday worship this fall, the Hospitality Council is looking for some help to make each Sunday run smoothly. Below is a list of opportunities for volunteers. If you are willing to serve in any of these ways, you will have the opportunity to sign up during the month of August. Please prayerfully consider serving in some way. The commitment will be minimal. Someone will contact you with details and ask when you can serve. "The Sign-Ups" will be located in the lobby for the month of August.

We need help with:

Coffee clean up (no dishwasher)

Ushers

Funeral food servers

Wednesday night FOCUS dinner: Servers and Drivers

Thank you for considering these opportunities!

-The Hospitality Council

## 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.
- **Donna VanHorn**, fell and has a broken ankle.
- 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.**

### We extend Christian sympathy to:

- **The family of Cathy Tuinstra**, at the death of Cathy's husband Roger, on July 25.
- **The family and friends of Reverend Stuart Blauw**, who passed away July 22.

### Camper this week:

- **Breckon Roberts**

### 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, Bob & Lois Morehouse, 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.