

The Growing Season
August 15, 2021
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

This Is My Father's World
Nearer, My God, to Thee

Franklin L. Sheppard, arr. Gary Lanier
Lowell Mason, arr. Gary Lanier

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpont, DIX
Conrad Kocher, adapt. William H. Monk

*The Call to Worship

based on Psalm 111

Leader 1: In the company of God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Leader 2: Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Leader 1: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

Leader 2: our God is merciful and forgiving;

Leader 1: our God is faithful and trustworthy;

Leader 2: our God is just and good.

ALL: Great is our God, and worthy of praise! God's goodness knows no limit; let us praise His name together!

*The Song of Praise

All the Poor and Powerless

Leslie Jordan, David Leonard

*The Confession of Sin

Leader 1: Great God, we often look to be fed in all the wrong places. Our appetites turn to food and drink; to having more and more things of this world, and yet we are not satisfied.

Leader 2: We confess our sin in desiring these things instead of turning to the fruits of Your Word for the food which satisfies.

All: Lord, forgive us and feed us with the spiritual food that will make our souls grow in faith and help us to be satisfied.

Leader 1: May we listen to Your word, be touched by Your Spirit, and be inspired by the power of Your presence among us.

Leader 2: For this we pray in the name of the One in whose name we gather. Amen.

*The Song of Assurance

Good, Good Father

Pat Barrett, Anthony Brown

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader 1: It is Jesus Christ who is the Bread of Life! Come to Him and feed on His love for you.

Leader 2: Find healing in His presence. Know that this is given freely for you, out of His great love.

All: Thanks be to God for His unending goodness and mercy. Amen.

The Acclamation of Praise and Thanksgiving

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird
Stephen Altrogge arr. James P. Colman

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

John 6:51-58

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“Projecting God”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Communion Song

Remembrance (The Communion Song)

Matt Maher, Matt Redman

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 The Invitation
 The Meaning of the Sacrament
 *The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed
 The Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
 The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
 *The Hymn of Thanksgiving **Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound** John Newton, NEW BRITAIN
Virginia Harmony, adapt. Edwin O. Excell

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* John Darwall, arr. Alice Jordan

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – The Diekman Family, Pastor Matt Cook; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise Team; Saxophone – Jeffrey Allardyce

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville
 Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

August 8 Collection Plate	\$ 9,893.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 4,277.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 14,170.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2021 budget	\$ 16,975.00
2021 Annual budget	\$882,740.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$ 51,000.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

Sunday School – 3 years old – 5th grade – meets today in the downstairs assembly room.

Mortgage update as of August 4, 2021 - As you can see we are making great progress on paying off our mortgage balance, as of today we owe \$51,000. Since December 31, 2020 we have paid off \$128,548. 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. (We are more than halfway to the challenge goal). 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.

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.

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

Food pantry needs - Canned fruits, applesauce, cream soups, beef stew, pancake mix and syrup, cake mix and frosting, muffin mix, stuffing, canned pasta, drinks, canned meats, rice, boxed potatoes and gravy, hamburger/tuna Helper, personal care items. You may drop these items off in the grocery cart located in the Activity Center.

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:

- **Ron Cook**, has been diagnosed with colon cancer.
- Janet Pofahl's granddaughter, **Erica**, at home recovering from the burns received in a car accident.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Ken Ploeg, Roy DeJonge, BJ Veneklasen, Trudie Wierda, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Kim Duimstra, Curt Stoel, Andrew Lau, Kim (VanPortfliet) Start, 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), **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.

THANK YOU...

...for all the calls and prayers for my granddaughter Erica. She still has a long road ahead with therapy. **Janet Pofahl**