

The Growing Season

August 22, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*Speak, O Lord*

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, arr. Lloyd Larson

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Leader: We are here to worship a remarkable God.

**All: The love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, the joy of the Spirit fills us.**

Leader: We come with joy as the recipients of Your amazing grace.

**All: The love of God overflows our hearts, the grace of Christ liberates our spirits, and joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our King together!

\*The Hymn of Praise

***Come, Thou Almighty King***

Felice de Giardini, ITALIAN HYMN

\*The Confession of Sin

based on Ephesian 6:10-20

Leader: Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth.

**All: We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and Your gift of salvation.**

Leader: Our footsteps do not follow Your path of peace. We are quick to use Your word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit.

**All: Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as Your faithful ambassadors of the Good News.**

\*The Song of Response

***Break Every Chain***

Will Reagan

\*The Words of Forgiveness

Leader: In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need?

**All: In every journey, in every moment, in every heart, we receive the daily bread we need – God's hope, God's mercy and God's joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*The Song of Assurance

***Held in Your Hands***

Wesley Willis, Kevin Huguley, Jason Ingram

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**“The Unseen Enemy”**

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

\*The Song of Commitment

***O Church Arise (Arise Shine)***

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty  
Stuart Townend, Chris Tomlin

\*The News of the Church Alive

\*The Sending Song

***Build My Life***

Brett Younker, Karl Martin  
Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

\*The Benediction

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching –Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Bob Stelma; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

August 15 Collection Plate	\$ 8,719.00
Online Giving:	\$ <u>2,902.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 11,621.00

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

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

**Sunday School** – 3 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade – meets today in the downstairs assembly room.

**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.

**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:

- **Ken Ploeg**, at home recovering from additional surgery for an infection in his back.
- **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: 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.