

The Growing Season

September 19, 2021

Mission Sunday

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*Take My Life
By Faith*

Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio
Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty, arr. James Koerts

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Recognition of our Global Partners

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Site</u>
Chuck & Jean VanEngen	Latin America (Mexico)	**Mark & Jennifer	Middle East (Jordan)
Thiago & Lia Dantas	Brazil	**Haluk & Wendy	Middle East (Turkey)
Priscila Saltos	Ecuador	Josh & Virginia Ham	Cameroon
Gladys Thomas - Haiti Project	Haiti	Rachel Williams	Mozambique
Jodi Oppenhuizen	Czech Republic	Rowland & Jane Van Es	Kenya
James & Anita Sundararajan	India	Gabriel Barau - Fulani	Nigeria
Bob & Amy Abel	Thailand	Dave & Linda McCleery	USA
**S & A	Central Asia		

**names omitted due to security concerns

The Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Listen to the word of the Lord!

ALL: Help us to receive God's word and direction for our lives.

Leader: Proclaim the goodness of God's love!

ALL: Let our voices and our actions be filled with love.

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

ALL: Open our eyes, our hearts, and our spirits this day, Lord. Amen.

*The Song of Praise

That's Why We Praise Him

Tommy Walker

The Mission Update

Haluk & Wendy Video

The Call to Mission

Joining the Mission of God

Our World Belongs to God st. 41,42

Leader: Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom

ALL: to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

Leader: The Spirit calls all members

ALL: to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world:

Leader: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner.

ALL: We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

Leader: In a world estranged from God, where happiness and peace are offered in many names and we face confusing choices,

ALL: we witness - with respect for followers of other ways - to the only One in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God reconciles the world to Himself. God loves all creation; His compassion knows no bounds.

*The Affirmation

By Faith

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

The Mission Update

Thiago & Lia Dantas Video

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Mission Update

Rowland & Jane Van Es

The Scripture Lesson

I Peter 1:13-22

The Message

"Be Holy in All You Do"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Song

We All Are One in Mission

Rusty Edwards, AURELIA Samuel S. Wesley

The Mission Update

Priscila Saltos

The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King

Don Hustad

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Speaking – Rowland & Jane Van Es, Priscila Saltos; Liturgists – Pastor Bud Pratt, Kevin Meyer; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

September 12 Collection Plate	\$ 7,283.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,162.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 11,445.00

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

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Sunday Children's Programming Schedule:

1st and 2nd Sunday of the month:

Nursery ages - can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive & picked up after the worship service.

Ages 3 years – Kindergarten can be dropped off in room #113 South when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

1st Grade-5th Grade can be dropped off in the downstairs Assembly Room when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month:

Nursery ages - can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive & picked up after the worship service.

Ages 3 years – Kindergarten can be dropped off in room #113 South when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

1st Grade-5th Grade can be dropped off in the downstairs Assembly Room AFTER the worship service & picked up at 11:30 am

Please note: We are following Grandville Public School Covid guidelines, so masks are required for kids, as well as our volunteers at this time.

Mission Sunday continued in the upstairs adult ed room from 10:45 – 11:30am.

Middle School (6th - 8th grades) & **High School** (9th - 12th grades) **Sunday School** meets from 11:00 - 11:45am in the Youth Lounge. Donuts provided.

Middle School youth group meets on Sundays from 4:00pm - 5:30pm in the Youth gym.

High School youth group meets on Sundays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Youth gym.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Women in the Word – meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the upstairs adult ed room. We will continue to study *Walking with God in the Desert*, a study by Ray VanderLaan. Questions? Call Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008

Bells of Joy – begins Tuesday, September 21, at 6:30pm.

Chancel Choir – begins Wednesday, September 22, from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

FOCUS will start on October 6. Please sign up at the Sign Up Center if you are planning on eating dinner at church on Wednesdays. If you know of anyone that would like a Wednesday night meal delivered to them please call the office – 534-5465.

Pine Ridge Mission Trip: After a two year hiatus, we will be returning to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation next Summer, July 29 through August 6. We have reserved 15 spots, but only four are still available. Please let Pastor Bud know if you would like to join us as we walk with our Lakota brothers and sisters in mutual love and respect.

Inquirer's Class - Our next Inquirer's class will begin on October 31 at 11:00 AM in Pastor Bud's office. This class will occur at 11:00 AM for four consecutive weeks (through November 21) and is designed to help you make a decision about membership in our family of faith. Please call the office to let us know of your interest!

OTHER ITEMS

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.

Youth group volunteers needed – One female and one male Jr. High leader which meets Sundays from 4:00- 5:30pm.
2 Jr. High Sunday school leaders which meets Sundays 11:00-11:45am.

Volunteers - Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve in the nursery and in the kids programs. If you are interested (even if just once every 4-6 weeks!) please contact Angie angie@firstgrandville.org or 616-828-6580.

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.

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:

- **Kay Mekkes**, recovering from an infection.
- **Pat Lantinga**, at home recovering from a stroke.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Ron Cook, Roy DeJonge, BJ Veneklasen, Trudie Wierda, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Kim Duimstra, Curt Stoel, Erica Obi, Kim (VanPortfliet) Start, Jakob Kempema, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- The **family of Mike & Nancy Nauta**, at the death of Mike's brother, Jim Nauta, on September 10.

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

FAH Birthdays: September 21 – Ron Cook, Byron Center Manor, 2115 84th St., Ste. A, Byron Center, 49315
September 24 – Janet Pofahl, 3954 Mohawk, Grandville, 49418

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 prayers, cards, letters and phone calls following my stroke. I really appreciate it. **Pat Lantinga**

We are humbled by & grateful for the many cards, texts & calls from our First church family on the passing of my father Russell Winqvist. Your loving support is amazing, as is God's grace & love! Laurel & Wayne Jordan

Adult Education will be resuming this Fall. Join us after worship upstairs in room 308 from 10:45 to 11:30 for these upcoming opportunities.

Upcoming in Adult Education:

- 9/19/21- **Mission Sunday Continued**

The VanEses and Priscila Saltos will be providing a more in depth update along with answering question about their work in Kenya and Ecuador.

- 9/26/21- **The Myths of Medicaid**

Ashley VanDyk will be going over nursing home Medicaid and the Medicaid waiver. She will go over the myths of spending down and how to plan.

- 10/3/21 - **Transition Town Hall with Jeff Watson and Bud Pratt.**

Come and talk with Jeff & Bud about transition and the church.

- 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 - **"Table and Temple"** with David Stubbs from Western Seminary.

David will lead a three week exploration of the Old Testament temple practices and how they relate to our communion celebration.

First Reformed Church Missionaries
(some names are omitted due to security concerns)

Bob and Amy Abel

Bob provides direction for Remember Nhu missionary staff, including pastoral care, new missionary transition, discipleship support, and leadership development. Remember Nhu currently operates in 16 countries through 100 homes for children, preventing 2,000 children from entering the sex trade.

Gabriel Barau

Gabriel serves with World Mission and the Go International Organization of Nigeria to bring the Word of God to the predominantly Muslim Fulani and Hausa people groups in Northern Nigeria. Most Fulani and Hausa peoples are aural learners, so in order to reach them with the Word of God, Gabriel distributes audio scriptures called The Treasure – a solar digital audio Bible that fits in the palm of your hand.

Haluk and Wendy Bilgen

Haluk has been serving with Words of Hope in Turkey since 1998. They have a vision to make the gospel known throughout every province in Turkey through radio and TV. Wendy is a social worker and therapist and works with individuals, families, and ministry teams in crisis, and leadership coaching.

Thiago and Lia Dantas

In partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Manaus (IPM) in Brazil, Thiago and Lia serve as missionary liaisons between churches in the U.S. and communities in Brazil to plant churches, train Brazilian pastors and reach people along the Amazon River with Christ's love and hope through medical mission boats.

Josh and Virginia Ham

Josh works as a translation consultant for two projects in eastern Cameroon, supporting local Bible translation teams and checking translated Scriptures for accuracy. Virginia serves as linguistics coordinator for the country of Cameroon.

Dave and Linda McCleary

Dave serves as Mission Aviation Fellowship's Latin America Regional Director, overseeing ministry air bases in seven countries in Central and South America. Additionally, Dave is involved in mobilizing new missionaries in the Midwest US since they are currently based in Michigan.

Jodi Oppenhuizen

Jodi lives in the Czech Republic's capital city of Prague and serves as counselor, teacher and school developer at the Christian International School of Prague.

Priscila Saltos

Priscila has a heart for sharing Jesus with children in her home country of Ecuador. She serves in various ministry roles in schools, churches, and small groups to disciple young believers and bring new people to Christ.

James and Anita Sundararajan

James serves with World Cassette Outreach of India to provide audio bible recordings and distribute audio listening devices to Christians so that all can now hear the Gospel in their heart language (through an app called "HUM").

Gladys Thomas

Gladys directs the Foundation for the Children of Haiti, a Christian organization providing physical, emotional, and spiritual care to needy children in Haiti.

Chuck and Jean Van Engen

Chuck and Jean serve with the Latin American Leadership Development Program (LALDP) since 2004; Chuck now serves as its president while living in Holland, Mich. Jean serves in an accounting role. LALDP provides advanced theological training in Spanish and Portuguese.

Rowland and Jane Van Es

Rowland and Jane Van Es serve at St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya. They spend their days instructing young adults in theology, business, and social sciences, seeking to equip their students for lives of service in the world.

Rachel Williams

Rachel serves with Africa Inland Mission in Mozambique, where she lives and serves with the Mwani people, over 99.9% of whom are not Christian. Rachel, along with a team, shares the Good News of Jesus Christ with these people who live in spiritual darkness.