

World Communion Sunday
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
October 3, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Voluntary on "Let Us Break Bread Together"

The Prelude

African American Spiritual
arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

In Christ There Is No East or West

John Oxenham, Alexander Reinagle

The Call to Worship

based on John 3:16

Leader: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son

People: that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Leader: We believe, so we worship our Savior in this place,

People: in our homes,

Leader: in our community,

People: and throughout the world.

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: It seems so good to celebrate World Communion,

People: as the entire Christian world gathers at the communion table.

Leader: But do we really love the whole world?

People: Even our neighbor?

Leader: Are we willing to share the table?

People: to serve others?

Leader: to listen to others?

People: to trust others?

Leader: Do we really believe that Christ died for all?

People: Are we willing to forgive others as God forgives?

Leader: The whole world?

People: Even our neighbor?

All: We pray that You will forgive our sins and teach us to love as You love. Amen.

*The Song of Response

Yes, He Can

Jeff Pardo, Logan Cain, Madison Cain, Taylor Cain Matz

*The Words of Assurance

Romans 3:23-24

Leader: "Righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

All: and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

*The Song of Praise

All Hail Christ

Joshua Banner

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Jesus Christ is Lord"

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley, S.J. arr. Mark Hayes

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Meaning of the Sacrament

*The Affirmation of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Communion Prayer (concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

*The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Today we will come forward to receive the bread and cup, and bring our communion offering.

Please come forward using the center aisle and return using the side aisles.)

The Communion Music

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

arr. Dan Forrest

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Rowland H. Prichard, arr. Chris Rice

Amazing Grace with Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone

Traditional melody, Chris Tomlin

Louie Giglio, arr. Victor Labenske

The Communion Blessing (spoken together)

Dear Father, we give thanks for all that we have received at this communion table. Multiply the impact of this simple bread and cup, O Lord. May unity open and separations close because we have been fed with Your heavenly Spirit. May Your will increasingly be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

The News of the Church Alive

The Mission Update

James Sundararajan

*The Closing Song

O Church Arise

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, Chris Tomlin

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Gordon Young

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kathy Geurink, Pastor Matt Cook; Organist – Beth Sweers; Chancel Choir; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

September 26 Collection Plate \$ 19,413.00

Online Giving: \$ 6,132.00

Total Offering: \$ 25,545.00

Average weekly offering needed

to make 2021 budget \$ 16,975.00

2021 Annual budget \$882,740.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Browneye 81 on the 7th

Don Scovel 82 on the 9th

Crystal Baum 94 on the 10th

Joyce Bolthouse 86 on the 11th

David Krombeen 80 on the 26th

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.

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

Middle School (6th - 8th grades) & **High School** (9th - 12th grades) **Sunday School** meets in the Youth Lounge following worship. Donuts provided.

Adult Ed - Town Hall with Jeff Watson and Bud Pratt - Come and talk with Jeff & Bud about transition and the church. Meets in the Sanctuary.

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

Esther Circle – meets the first Tuesday of each month in the upstairs adult classroom. We meet at 9:30am for a time of coffee, fellowship, informal Bible study and great mission projects for our community and our church. We would love to have you join us. Call Joyce Bolthouse if you have any questions. 643-8223 We will meet this Tuesday, October 5, lesson 11.

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 – Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

FOCUS will start this Wednesday, October 6. Dinner (with covid protocol) begins at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be a baked potato bar. At 6:30 kids K-5th grade go to the Assembly Room downstairs and Adults can attend Pastor Bud's class on **THE PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE** in the Adult Ed room upstairs. From 7:00-8:00 PM the Adult Choir meets in the sanctuary (where those attending Pastor Bud's class can join them at 7:20 PM). K-5th graders have Children's Choir from 7:15-8:00 PM upstairs in the kids' choir room. Masks will be encouraged throughout the evening as we begin gathering in close quarters.

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!

Upcoming in Adult Education - Join us after worship upstairs in room 308 from 10:45 to 11:30 for these upcoming opportunities:

- 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.

Cran Hill Camping Weekend 2022 - Now is the time again to start planning for next summer's church campout at Cran Hill Ranch. I need to get a tentative count of who might be interested in going on the campout next summer. I know it is a long way away but we always have to start early. I am going to try to get the 3rd weekend in July 2022 like we had last year. Please check out your schedules and see if this is a possibility. We would love to see you all.

If you have never camped with us, we invite you to join us next year! I will be putting a signup sheet at the signup center for you to sign up or you can email me (Cheryl DeVries) at youravoncheryl@gmail.com to let me know you are interested. We had 12 families this past year. I am hoping we can make it at least 15 this coming year!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Our church is participating in a coat collection for Roosevelt Park Ministries. **Today through October 6**, we will be collecting new and gently used coats. They will make these available to the families they serve through their ministry. All items should be clean and in good condition. There is a box in the narthex for your donations. Boy's, girl's, men's, and women's coats of all sizes are needed, especially children's coats. If you would like to help the days of the event, please contact Leeana Koster at the phone number or email listed below:

Office line: 616-475-5881

Email: family.worker@rooseveltparkministries.org

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:

- **Jan Hodges**, having shoulder surgery October 7.
- **Kay Mekkes**, at home 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, 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
FAH Birthdays: Oct. 10 – Crystal Baum, 2205 Mapleton NE, Grand Rapids, 49505
Oct. 10 – Arlene Jacobitz, Cambridge Manor, 0-151 Port Sheldon, S-12, 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.

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THANK YOU...

...for all the prayers and cards following the passing of my husband, Larry. Your support is very much appreciated. **Joyce Browneye**
...for remembering me with the mum plant. **Evelyn Lindhout**