

EASTERTIDE  
May 15, 2022  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* settings by Keith Kolander, Michael Burkhardt

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome and \* Greeting

\*The Hymn of Praise

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Stopford Brooke, LLANFAIR  
Robert Williams, arr. John Roberts  
from Psalm 148

The Call to Worship

Leader: From the heavens,

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: All His angels,

**People: Praise Him!**

Leader: Sun and moon,

**People: Praise Him!**

Leader: All the shining stars

**People: Praise Him!**

Leader: The highest heavens,

**People: Praise Him!**

Leader: Waters above the heavens,

**People: Praise Him!**

Leader: Men and women alike,

**People: Praise Him!**

Leader: Old and young together,

**People: Praise Him!**

Leader: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

The Song of Praise

*Before The Throne of God Above*

Vikki Cook

We Look Back and We Look Ahead

Leader 1: Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Leader 2: As we come to the table of our Lord, we look back to remember, and we look ahead to the future in anticipation of the great feast of heaven.

**People: In this celebration, we remember the past and we look to the future.**

Leader 1: The Bible helps us remember the past and also to look to the future.

Leader 2: In Revelation, John tells us that he saw a new heaven and a new earth, the holy city coming down from out of heaven from God.

**People: God will wipe away every tear from our eyes, death will be no more, He will make all things new.**

Leader 1: God said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,

**People: To the thirsty I will give water as the gift of life.**

Leader 2: The Old Testament gives us Ten Commandments, did Jesus give us any new commandments?

**People: Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." Praise the Lord!**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"Breaking Boundaries"**

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 Song

***Because We Believe***

*(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)*

Jamie Harvill, Nancy Gordon

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

\*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Communion Prayer and 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

*Forever and Ever Amen*

*The First Morning*

Brandon Lake, Phil Wickham

Anne Marie David

\*The Thanksgiving

***How Can I Keep from Singing?***

Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Ed Cash

The News of the Church Alive

The Mission Update Video

Children's Hope Chest

\*The Benediction

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Rachael Barone, Pastor Matt Cook; Organist – Patty Pratt; Praise Team

Today, we'll see a video about the CarePoint program of HopeChest and RCA Global Missions.

The specific CarePoint that our own congregation partners with is called Pueblo Modelo, Guatemala. It translates into "Model Village" because of the example it is becoming for dignified and sustainable living. Discipleship through the Gospel is at the core of every program and project. This program will be one of six recipients for our 2022 Communion offerings.

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

May 1 Collection Plate     \$ 12,898.00

Online Giving:             \$ 2,471.00

Total Offering:            \$ 15,369.00

Average weekly offering needed

to make 2022 budget     \$ 18,258.00

2022 Annual budget     \$949,429.00

**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.

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

**Middle School youth group** meet at church at 2:30 to take the bus to Craig's Cruisers. \$25 per person. They can be picked up at church at 5:30.

**High School youth group** meets 6:30-8:00 at church. We will be having a cook out and games! Please bring a dish to pass.

Today is the last day of youth groups until fall. Watch for events planned for the summer!

#### **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 2022-2023 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](#).

#### **OTHER HAPPENINGS**

**La Casa fundraising dinner** - On June 5, following our Pentecost worship service, the LaCasa community will be feeding our congregation as a way to say "thank you" and to give us an opportunity to help the LaCasa community financially. The Covid pandemic has been especially hard on the LaCasa community, and they could really use a boost from the First Reformed Family. Let's make this a great day in celebration of our Lord's kingdom work.

**Worship Director** – We are seeking a qualified candidate to fill the position of Worship Director. This position will involve worship planning, leading the congregation in worship, and coordinating the necessary activities to accomplish these two primary goals. There are job description for additional details on the table in the narthex. Interested candidates are asked to provide a personal letter of introduction and a current resume. Questions regarding this position, and the introductory letter and resume, should be forwarded to: Jeff Watson , First Reformed Church , 3060 Wilson Avenue, Grandville MI 49418, Email: [jeffw@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jeffw@firstgrandville.org), Phone: 616-534-5465

**Anna Circle** – meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 9:30am – 11:00am in the upstairs small adult ed room. We are studying the book *No Offense* by Craig Groeschel.

**Men's Bible Study** meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2:30 PM. We meet at Marge's Donut Den, 1751 28th St., Wyoming, MI. Our leaders are David Bast and Mark Davis. All are welcome!

**Bells of Joy** – Tuesdays, 6:30pm

**Praise Team** – Wednesday, 5:30pm

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesdays, 6:30pm

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Congregational meeting** today.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE**

**Food pantry needs** – Applesauce, peanut butter, canned fruit, shampoo, toilet paper, muffin mix, gravy, jello, pudding, beef stew

**Family at Home** needs your help. This ministry has been a blessing to our church community and all those involved in it. We urgently need callers' people of any age who would like to reach out and connect with members of our church family. We are looking for people to visit, make phone calls, and send cards. If you are interested and looking to get involved or would just like more information, please contact Harold Ludema - [hnsrudema@comcast.net](mailto:hnsrudema@comcast.net) or Pastor Matt – [matt@firstgrandville.org](mailto:matt@firstgrandville.org).

The **Online Engagement Team** of First Reformed church is looking for a few volunteers to help build more of an online presence with our church. In the last few years, it's become evident that many people in our church and community utilize our online resources more than ever before. Because of this, we feel it's necessary to make that presence as engaging as we can. Right now, we are looking for a few people to handle our Instagram and Facebook accounts, organizing weekly posts about upcoming events and also advertising each week's sermon messages. If you or someone you know feel that this is something you would be interested in helping with, please let Pastor Jeff or Pastor Matt know.

## 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:

- **Bob Verburg**, has been moved to Rivertown Ridge Memory Care.
- **Chuck Duimstra**, has been moved to Grand Village.
- **Don Ferris**, having heart surgery May 25.
- On Tuesday, May 17, **Jeff Watson** will be taking the next step in becoming our lead pastor as he takes his final exams from the Great Lakes City Classis. These exams are required by the RCA to become an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament. Jeff has been studying hard, and our prayers for a successful night of exams will be appreciated.
- Pray for the people of **Ukraine**.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- Pray for God's leading as we continue our search for a new children's director and continue the process of electing our next consistory members.
- **Continued prayers for: Doug Hunderman, Randy Kehr, Misty Holwerda, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel, Erica Obi.**

### 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, Crystal Baum, Mary Lou Besteman, Norma Boss, Dorothy Cook, Helen Dertien, Marilyn DeVree, Chuck Duimstra, Karin Dykstra, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Janet Pofahl, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, Mary Zomerlei  
**FAH Birthday's -**  
May 21 – Evelyn Lindhout – 725 Baldwin, Room #175, Jenison 49428

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 the phone calls, cards and prayers. **Betty Isenga**

...for making my birthday special. The beautiful plant, cards, and prayers were appreciated. God is good. **Norma Boss**