

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ... and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8



The Season of Pentecost
Happy Father's Day!
June 19, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Majesty

Jack Hayford, arr. Mark Hayes

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Song of Praise

Better Is One Day

Matt Redman

*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 22

Leader 1: In the midst of the congregation, I will praise You.

People: In the midst of the congregation, I will praise You.

Leader 2: You who fear the Lord, praise Him!

People: You who fear the Lord, praise Him!

Leader 1: Those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!

People: Those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!

Let us continue to praise and worship our Lord.

*The Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter C. Smith, ST. DENIO
Welsh melody from J. Roberts' *Caniadau y Cyssegr*

*The Greeting

Our Confession and the Assurance of God's Grace

Leader 2: We, at times, act like the people in the surrounding country of the Gerasenes.

Leader 1: When they saw that a man possessed by demons was healed by Jesus, they asked Jesus to leave them because they were seized with great fear.

People: We, like them, see examples of the power of Jesus, and we become afraid and ask Jesus to stay in the background.

Leader 2: In spite of this fear, the reports of Jesus healing people spread throughout the entire region.

People: Wherever Jesus went, people recognized Him and brought the sick and infirmed to Jesus to be healed.

Leader 1: How did many of those healed by Jesus react?

People: Many people knew, and believed in Jesus because of the testimony of those who were healed.

Leader 2: We, too, should be sharing stories about the healing power of Jesus so people around us will come to know and believe in Him.

People: PRAISE BE TO GOD!

*The Song of Response

His Mercy Is More

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Luke 8:26-39

The Message "The Unknown"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts
The Offertory Prayer
The Offertory Song

Who You Say I Am
(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

We Welcome Madelyn McConnon Alfaro

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song ***Your Grace Is Enough*** Matt Maher

*The Benediction

*The Postlude *Postlude in F* Johann Sebastian Bach

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Matt Cook; Liturgists – Doug Diekman, Naomi Diekman; Organist – Barb VanderHeide; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville
Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

June 12 Collection Plate	\$ 14,204.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 4,376.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 18,580.00

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

Nursery is available. Children can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive & picked up after the worship service.

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 and [Maple Tree Preschool's Facebook page](#).

LOOKING AHEAD

Splash into Summer – An event the whole family can enjoy! Wednesday, June 29, from 6:00-8:30pm, outside the Youth Lounge. Bring a lawn chair for fellowship or join in on the fun. Hot dogs, chips and cold treats will be served. We will have water and regular games, slip-n-slide and a dunk tank. A flyer with more information is in your mailslot.

Kay Mekkes turns 100! The Mekkes children are holding a cake and ice cream open house on Wednesday, July 6th from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center to celebrate the 100th birthday of Kay Mekkes. Please join us in congratulating Kay for this milestone event!

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, Phone: 616-534-5465

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

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

Backpack Drive – Our Pine Ridge mission trip participants are seeking new backpacks for the Lakota children on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. School supplies are NOT needed, but backpacks ARE needed. Please place in the tote in the Narthex by July 24. (We are seeking 100 backpacks!)

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 or Pastor Matt – matt@firstgrandville.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:

- **Ethel Karsten**, remains hospitalized recovering from hip surgery and Covid.
- **Don Kempema**, having health issues.
- **Don Ferris**, dealing with ongoing heart issues.
- **Misty Holwerda**, having major surgery on June 28.
- **Kathy VanRiper**, Joni VanDuinen's sister, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- **Sarah VanEck's dad**, recovering from quadruple by-pass heart surgery.
- Pray for the **Dominican Republic Youth mission team** now on their mission trip.
- 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 worship director.
- **Continued prayers for: Bob Verburg, Randy Kehr, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel.**

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- The family of **Todd & Lynne Rosema**, at the death of Lynne's dad, Russ Crake, on June 14.

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, Karin Dykstra, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Janet Pofahl, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, 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.