

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



**The Season of Pentecost**

June 26, 2022

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*Variations on the AUSTRIAN HYMN*

The Prelude

John Knowles Paine

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Hymn of Praise

***For the Beauty of the Earth***

Folliott S. Pierpoint, DIX  
Conrad Kocher, harm. William H. Monk

\*The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Here in this place, there are no strangers, for all are welcome in God's house.

**People: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance, for love is the language of faith.**

Leader 2: Here in our lives, there are no divisions, for God dwells in each of us.

**People: Come, let us worship in unity and love.**

\*The Song of Praise

***How Great Is Our God  
Way Maker***

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash  
Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

\*The Greeting

The Confession of Sin

Leader 1: O God, You know there are days when we see others not following You and we want them to be punished.

Leader 2: We see people spreading hate and fear and know this isn't Your way. We see people mistreating each other and we are angry.

**People: We know just like Jesus rebuked the disciples, You would tell us this is not Your way. Forgive us for wanting to repay hate with hate and violence with violence.**

Leader 1: O God, we promised to follow You. And yet, so many other things pull at our time and attention.

Leader 2: Forgive us God, for not putting You first in our lives.

**People: O God, we ask that You give us righteous anger at the injustice in the world, and that You help us to have our priorities in order, so we may follow You. Amen.**

\*The Call to Grateful Living

***We Are Called***

David Haas

The Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: With unfailing love, God offers us forgiveness - complete forgiveness that erases our sins completely, and allows us to begin again. So be at peace - your sins are forgiven!

**People: Praise be to God!**

**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 9:51-62

The Message "Putting Your Hand to the Plow"

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 Hymn

***We Are Called to Be God's People***

Thomas A. Jackson, AUSTRIAN HYMN  
Franz Joseph Haydn

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

The Mission Update Jodi Oppenhuizen

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Sending Song ***Thrive*** Mark Hall, Matthew West

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude *Variation IV on the AUSTRIAN HYMN* John Knowles Paine

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – June Williams, Tony Williams ; Organist – Patty Pratt; Praise Team

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

Instagram: frcgrandville  
Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

June 19 Collection Plate	\$ 15,654.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 4,072.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 19,726.00

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](http://www.mapletreepreschool.org) and [Maple Tree Preschool's Facebook page](#).

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Splash into Summer** – An event the whole family can enjoy! **This 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 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jeffw@firstgrandville.org), Phone: 616-534-5465

**Praise Team** – Tuesday, 5:30pm

### OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

**LaCasa VBS** – La Casa will be having VBS in the Family Life Center July 13, 14 & 15 from 5:30-7:30pm. There are registration forms on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Franciel – 616-312-6284 or Jose – 616-312-5811. There is also a list of food items they need. You can find that at the sign up center.

**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!)

### 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:

- **Curt Stoel**, his cancer has returned and he has begun chemo.
- **Ethel Karsten**, recovering from hip surgery.
- **Don Kempema**, having health issues.
- **Don Ferris**, dealing with ongoing heart issues.
- **Misty Holwerda**, having major surgery on June 28.
- **Morey Cook** (Brian Cook's dad), hospitalized and discovered a mass in his head.
- **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 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.**

#### 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
- **July FAH Birthdays** – Kay Mekkes, Mission Point of Grandville, 3400 Wilson Ave., 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.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kay Mekkes	100 on the 6 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Manders	81 on the 24 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Ghysels	82 on the 11 <sup>th</sup>	Don Alderink	87 on the 29 <sup>th</sup>
Nancy Robinson	80 on the 12 <sup>th</sup>		
Fred Henderson	91 on the 17 <sup>th</sup>		
Phil Davis	82 on the 20 <sup>th</sup>		
Gordon Waddell	83 on the 20 <sup>th</sup>		

