

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



**The Growing Season**

July 3, 2022

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

*Battle Hymn of the Republic and America, the Beautiful*

setting by Christina Shehi

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Call to Worship

based on Psalm 30

Leader: We will exalt You, LORD, for You lifted us out of the depths. We called to You for help, and You healed us.

**People: You brought us up from the realm of the dead; You spared me from going down to the pit.**

Leader: Sing the praises of the LORD, you His faithful people, praise His holy name.

**People: You turned our wailing into dancing; You removed our rags and clothed us with joy, that my heart may sing Your praises and not be silent.**

**All: LORD, our God, we will praise You today, and forever.**

\*The Hymn of Praise

***God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand***

Daniel C. Roberts  
NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren

An Independence Day Prayer

Written by Rear Admiral Mark Tidd

\*The Hymn of Response

***This Is My Song*** Lloyd Stone, Georgia Harkness, FINLANDIA Jean Sibelius

\*The Greeting

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: We are a people called and claimed by You, God. Yet, often we do not see the community around us. We do not see our brothers and sisters.

**People: We don't see their gifts and talents. We try to walk alone even when we know we may need help.**

Leader: We are Your family; Your hands and feet in the world. Yet, we think that we can do all the work ourselves and that, as individuals, we are somehow responsible for everything, including the rise of Your Kingdom.

**People: That is not who we are. We are not alone but called into a community of faith united by Your Spirit.**

Leader: We are called to work together as a family adopted by God through the blood of Your Son.

**People: Help us to work together, seeking those things that we have already promised to seek in unity, purity, and peace for Your Kingdom here and throughout the world.**

The Words of Assurance

from Galatians 6 (The Message)

Leader: For our part, we are going to boast about nothing but the cross of our Master, Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, we have been crucified in relation to the world, set free from the stifling atmosphere of pleasing others and fitting into the little patterns that they dictate. It is what *God* is doing, and He is creating something totally new, a free life! All who walk by this standard are the true Israel of God—His chosen people. Peace and mercy on them!

\*The Song of Assurance

***Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)***

John Newton, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

## 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 10:1-11

The Message

**"Plays Well with Others"**

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

***From the Inside Out***

Joel Houston

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

Deacon Ordination and Installation

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Song of Commitment

***Build My Life*** Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redmon, Pat Barrett

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

John B. Dykes, arr. Wayne L. Wold

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kevin Meyer; Organist – Patty Pratt; Praise Team

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Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

### **Stewardship Update:**

June 26 Collection Plate	\$ 10,767.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 7,286.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 18,053.00

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](#).

**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!

## LOOKING AHEAD

**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

## 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.
- **Pastor Matt Cook**, having nasal surgery on July 6.
- **Ethel Karsten**, home recovering from hip surgery.
- **Misty Holwerda**, recovering from 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.
- **Don Kempema**, having health issues.
- **Don Ferris**, dealing with ongoing heart issues.
- 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** – July 6 - 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.

## THANK YOU...

...for the cards and prayers from the congregation during my heart problems. **Don Ferris**

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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