

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



The Growing Season

July 10, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

setting, Nancy M. Raabe

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Gathering Songs

***All the Poor and Powerless
How Can I Keep From Singing***

Leslie Jordan, David Leonard
Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Ed Cash

*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 25

Leader: Open our eyes, O God: that we may behold wondrous things out of Your law.

People: Open our ears, O God: that we may hear what You will speak to those who turn to You in their hearts.

Leader: Open our minds, O God: that we may understand what it means to revere You and to learn of Your ways.

People: Open our hearts, O God: that we may grasp the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ.

Leader: Open our mouths, O God: that we may proclaim the mystery of the gospel and speak of it boldly.

People: Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry Van Dyke, Ludwig van Beethoven

*The Greeting

The Confession of our Sins

from Psalm 25

Leader: Forgive us our sins, O Lord.

People: Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,

Leader: The sins of our soul and the sins of our body,

People: Our secret and our whispering sins,

Leader: Our presumptuous and our careless sins,

People: The sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others.

Leader: Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we do not know;

People: Forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of Your great goodness.

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Our Forgiveness

In Colossians 1, we read, "He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, and the forgiveness of sins." Believe this Gospel and live in peace. Amen.

*The Song of Assurance

Reckless Love

Cory Asbury, Caleb Culver, Ran Jackson

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 10:25-37

The Message **“Off in the Ditch”**

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song ***My Worth Is Not In What I Own*** Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick

*The Benediction

*The Postlude *Postlude on Hymn to Joy* Beethoven, arr. Gordon Young

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Emily Nisper ; Organist – Patty Pratt; Flute – Barb Nienhuis; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville
Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

July 3 Collection Plate	\$ 6,378.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,737.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 9,115.00

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

Praise Team – Wednesday, 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:

- **Jeff Muller**, received a liver transplant July 6 and is recovering.
- **Janet Pofahl**, hospitalized with fluid retention.
- **Pastor Matt Cook**, recovering from nasal surgery.
- **Curt Stoel**, his cancer has returned and he has begun chemo.
- **Misty Holwerda**, home recovering from major surgery.
- **Morey Cook** (Brian Cook's dad), hospitalized with aggressive cancer.
- **Hannah Ahrendsen** (Janet Pofahl's great granddaughter) hospitalized with brain injuries following a serious car accident.
- **Kathy VanRiper**, Joni VanDuinen's sister, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- 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: Ethel Karsten, Don Kempema, Don Ferris, 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.