

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



The Growing Season

July 17, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

The Prelude

ELLACOMBE, arr. Barbara Boertje

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Isaac Watts, ELLACOMBE

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates. Be lifted up, you ancient doors.

People: That the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is He, this King of glory?

People: The Lord Almighty – He is the King of glory.

Leader: Lift up your heads, all you His people.

People: Lift up your hearts, all you His people.

Leader: Lift up your voices, all you His people.

People: Praise the Lord Almighty – He is the King of glory.

*The Song of Praise

All the People Said Amen

Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak

*The Greeting

The Confession of our Sins

Leader: We read in Your Word that You are a mighty God who created and sustains the heavens and the earth

People: but sometimes we wonder if You are powerful enough to fix our problems.

Leader: Do You really love us enough to provide for our needs?

People: Forgive us when we fail to trust Your Word and promises.

Leader: We read that You created this world with beauty and purpose.

People: Forgive us when we fail to care about the earth and are greedy with its resources.

Leader: You feed the beasts of the field and the birds of the air.

People: Forgive us when we fail to care for others and in those times when we think we don't have enough, remind us that Your grace is sufficient.

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Lamentations 3:22-23

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning.

People: Great is Your faithfulness.

*The Song of Assurance

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Edith McNeill

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.

Psalms 104:1-13, 31-35

The Message

“When Was God at His Best?”

The Solo

He’s Everything to Me

Ralph Carmichael

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

Ten Thousand Reasons

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine, O STORE GUD, Swedish folk melody

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

arr. Chester Allen

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Eildert Zwart; Liturgist – Kathy Geurink; Organist – Barb Vander Heide; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

July 3 Collection Plate	\$ 18,225.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 5,541.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 23,766.00

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. We are looking for volunteers to round out our summer nursery schedule. Contact Jill Crame (jill.crame@gmail.com) or Madelyn Alfaro (madelyn@firstgrandville.org) to get involved!

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

July Sunday School: - Join Ms. Madelyn and Ms. Barb on July 24th in the downstairs assembly room during the service as we talk about worship and prepare to sing the benediction!

Art at the Park - Join us every other Wednesday at 10:00am for art and fun at the park! This is a great opportunity for fellowship for parents and kids alike! All ages are welcome. Email Madelyn with any questions (madelyn@firstgrandville.org).

-July 20: Heritage Park

-August 3: Wedgwood Park

-August 17: Hughes Park

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Children's ministry volunteers needed! We have several opportunities for individuals of all gifts and talents. Contact Madelyn for more information: madelyn@firstgrandville.org

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**, had more procedures to increase the blood flow to his newly transplanted liver. Test results indicate no rejection at the current time. He's at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.
- **Janet Pofahl**, has been moved to Mission Point for rehab.
- **Curt Stoel**, has begun radiation treatments for cancer.
- **Misty Holwerda**, has received a clean report for her cancer and continues to recover from surgery.
- **Morey Cook** (Brian Cook's dad), has been diagnosed with aggressive brain cancer.
- **Hannah Arendsen** (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.
- **Arvin Bleyenbergh** (Lila VacaGuzman's father), has been diagnosed with leukemia and will have treatment once a month.
- 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.

Campers this week:

- **Cameron Malnar, Kaylee Ritsema**

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.

THANK YOU...

...It has been a long and arduous journey for the past 8 months; but not one week has gone by that we didn't get either a card or an inquiry about our daughter. You have been phenomenal prayer warriors! By reaching out to us we never felt alone at any time. What a wonderful community of believers. God's blessings to all. **Bob, Barb & Misty Holwerda**

...for all the birthday cards and wishes. **Helen Huizenga**