

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

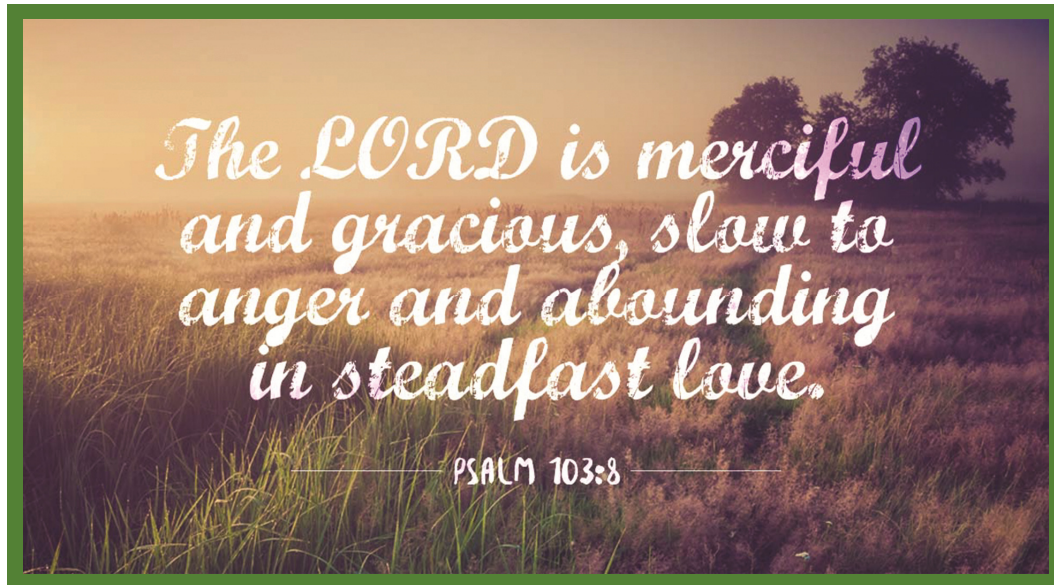
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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 24, 2018



## Welcome...

This morning we continue our four-week sermon series on a few attributes of God. As an on-ramp to these attributes, we're going to be using Psalm 103:8: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Those four attributes – merciful, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love – will be a map for us for the next several weeks. So, this morning we continue by ascribing to the Lord the attribute of slow to anger.

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 24, 9:30AM

### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Time of Worship	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i> #48 <i>"God of Creation, All-Powerful"</i> (vs. 1, 2, & 5) <i>"Forever"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Jesus Paid It All"</i>

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Exodus 32:7-14
Sermon	"The Lord Is Merciful & Gracious...Slow to Anger"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	#629 <i>"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"</i>
The Sacrament of Baptism	Alise DeYoung
Offering	<i>"Children of the Heavenly Father"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending in Grace	#75 <i>"God Is So Good"</i> (vs. 1)
*Postlude	<i>"O I'm Glad"</i>

\*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

## OUR GIFTS...

### Online Giving June 10 thru June 16

Current Expense – \$1,926.00

Special Projects - \$20.00

### Sunday, June 17

Current Expense – \$6,508.00

Benevolent – \$20.00

Missions – \$170.00

Building – \$340.00

**TOTAL – \$7,038.00**

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$50.00

Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$63,968.00

## SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



The Consistory has approved a new projection system for the church. The dual screens and the center hanging projectors will be removed and replaced with a center retractable screen and single projector in the chancel area. Your offerings to Special Projects, “over and above” your regular weekly offering are still encouraged. Approximately \$64,000 of the \$75,000 needed for

this project has already been raised thanks your gracious support. Your prayers over generosity to this important project are encouraged. For more information or questions regarding this campaign, please contact Clair Hoeksema, Elder V.P. or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. “Special Project” envelopes are available in the narthex or through the church office. To all of you who support this campaign every Sunday, THANK YOU!

## CHURCH LIFE...

**THANK YOU** so much for all the calls, cards, visits, prayers and concerns after my recent surgery. We are truly blessed for such a caring church family. – Tom and Doris Peterson

**SUMMER SERVE DAYS:** We have planned FOUR one-day mission trips we are doing as a church this summer.

- **Monday, June 25** – We will be serving **Chicagoland Prison Outreach** at their school and in the Cook County Jail. There are three service teams: painting/flooring, landscaping/cleaning, and a worship service at the jail. We will meet at church at 9:00am for breakfast and worship before serving and we'll come back to church at 4:00pm for a time of sharing experiences and pizza.
- **Thursday, July 12** – Serving **Roseland Christian Ministries** in their thrift shop doing cleaning, sorting, and stocking.
- **Wednesday, July 25** – Serving **Restoration Ministries** helping with summer camp, kids at the park, community garden, and working with visual arts.
- **Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4** – Helping with Exodus Project/CREAM basketball camp, working with kids, serving food, and whatever else Corey asks us to do :)

Will you consider using your gifts to serve in these ways? There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, contact Sara Jabaay at [sara.jabaay@gmail.com](mailto:sara.jabaay@gmail.com) or (708)302-2612.

**PASTOR MATT** has published a devotional book of his Friday Letters titled "Dear Church." If you would like a devotional book, a sign-up sheet is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at the Welcome Center. Books are available for \$15 each and all proceeds go to the Church.

**MISSING FROM LIBRARY:** “The View from the Lighthouse” by Melody Carlson.

**OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students)** meets today Sunday, June 24 from 11:00am – 5:00PM for a DAY AT THE DUNES. Join us for church Sunday morning at 9:30am followed by an 11:00am departure for a day at the Indiana Dunes. Hotdogs and drinks will be provided.

**PRAYER AT THE GATES** will take place on the corner of 154<sup>th</sup> & South Park Avenue on **Wednesday, July 4** from 8:00-8:30am. Please come out and cover the Village of South Holland in prayer.

**THE ILLIANA DIVISION OF BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS** are hosting Selah in concert on **Friday, Sept. 14** at Bethel CRC in Lansing, IL. Limited seating. Purchase your tickets online at [bibleleague.org/selah](http://bibleleague.org/selah).

▪ The church office secretary summer hours are 9:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday

## *UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 24

**GREETERS:** John & Ramelle DeVries and Rodger & Sherry Norris

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

**NURSERY:** Amber Fransen and Chandra Ondrejka

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld; **PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams

**SOUND:** James Kuyper

**MUSIC TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Nancy Burke, Jeff Hayley, Bill Nyhanna, and Rachel Wooley

**BRASS:** John DeVries, Nancy Rietveld, Jonathan Rietveld, and Matthew Rietveld

**PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Judy Gill

**WELCOME CENTER:** Ron Abernathy

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAM:** First Responder: Trina Taylor; First Response: Rick Furst

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Joanne Hoeksema, Mary Koster, Nancy DeVries, Pam Costello and Celeste DeBoer

### MONDAY, JUNE 25

**9:00AM:** Summer Serve Day volunteers meet in the Fellowship Hall

**9:30AM:** Quilters and Knitters meet in the Genesis Room

**7:00PM:** Elders and Deacons meet

**7:00PM:** Worship Team Rehearsal

### TUESDAY, JUNE 26

**7:00PM:** Bible Study in the Genesis Room

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, JULY 1

**GREETERS:** John & Gay Kraai and Roger & Arleta Hommes

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Trina Taylor, Gwen Adams & Faye Gowens

**NURSERY:** Kim Bolkema and Rachel Wooley

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** John DeVries

**VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld; **PROJECTION:** Tiffany Surrel

**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**MUSIC TEAM:** David Besser, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg, Nikki Nyhanna, and Abby Veldboom

**PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Judy Gill

**WELCOME CENTER:** Ron Abernathy

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## *SERMON NOTES...*

**“The Lord Is Merciful & Gracious...Slow to Anger”**

**Exodus 32:7-14**

**Rev. Dr. Matt Waterstone**

**PRAYER ROOM** – Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11am. It is located outside the double doors west of the Chapel. A team of dedicated volunteers would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.

## WORSHIP...

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our (only) Outdoor Service on **Sunday, August 26** at 9:30am on the beautiful front lawn of the Church. We will also celebrate our annual Church Picnic on that Sunday immediately following the morning service. Keep an eye open for more information to come!

## LEARNING...

**JOIN PASTOR COREY** as he continues a six-week spiritual formation class entitled "God's Gift to Us: The Church" on **Tuesday, June 26**. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall after the service. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

**BOOK CLUB** meets **Tuesday, September 11** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "Island of Sweet Pies and Soldiers" by Sara Ackerman. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

## CARE...

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

**Bob Asmus** has been admitted to Ingalls Hospital.

**Ben Plascencia's wife, Elvia**, has been admitted to Metro South in Blue Island.

**Lynn Hoeksema** continues at Northwestern recovering from surgery.

**Rich Riddering** is in Munster Community.

**Kenny Gardiner's** spine surgery is postponed till June 26 at Ingalls Hospital.

**Les VanDeursen** has returned home from the hospital.

**Tom Peterson** has returned from Georgia and is now recovering at home from colon surgery.

**Kathryn Vinke** is in Hospice Care at Arden Court.

**Mary Wiersma**, Aubrey Durkin's mother's cancer has returned. Please keep her in prayer.

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## STAFF...

**Rev. Dr. Matt Waterstone**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Director of Mercy & Justice Ministries*

**Anthony Bolkema**  
*Director of Worship & Student Life*

**Rev. Mel De Vries**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

**Nyla De Graff**  
*Church Administrator*

**Gerri Van Baren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Toni Smith**  
*Director of Family Life Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

**Ben Plascencia**  
*Church Custodian*

**Darcy Daly**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

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**To get to know you better, please fill out our [Welcome Card](#) in the pew and place it in the offering plate. If you want more information about the life of First Church, make sure to include your email address.**