

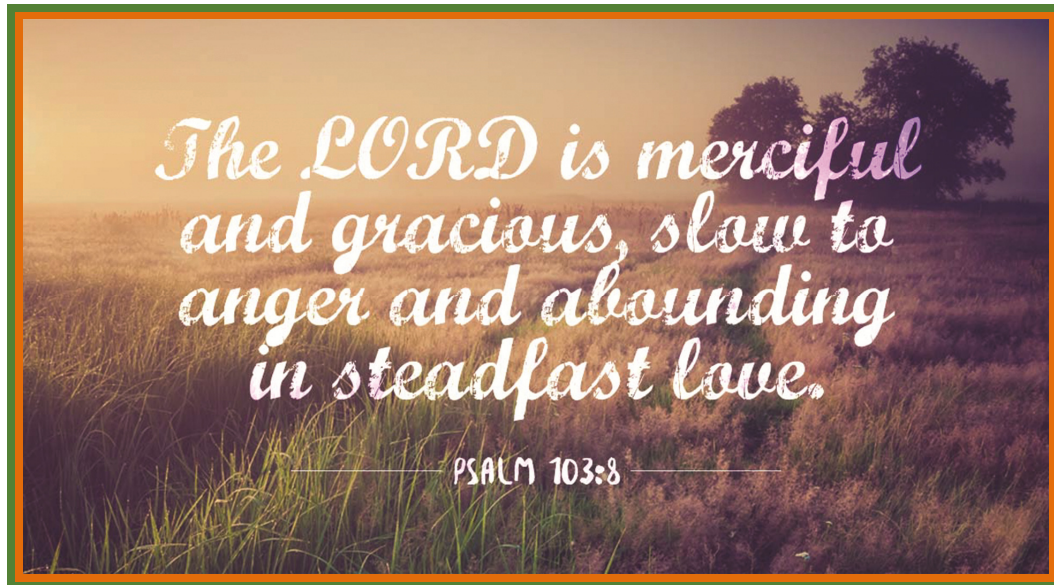
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION, JULY 1, 2018



Welcome...

This morning we conclude 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 have been a map for us for the past several weeks. So, this morning we conclude by ascribing to the Lord the attribute of abounding in steadfast love.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 1, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Time of Worship

#26 *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

#44 *"Great is the Lord"*

"Cornerstone"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Thanksgiving

"You Never Let Go"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Exodus 34:1-10

Sermon

"The Lord Is Merciful & Gracious,
Slow to Anger...& Abounding in Steadfast Love"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Matt Waterstone

Offering

"God's Amazing Grace" – Organ & Piano Duet

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Matt Waterstone

*Sending in Grace

#75 *"God Is So Good"* (vs. 1)

*Postlude

Joanne Hoeksema

*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 17 thru June 23

Current Expense – \$990.00

Sunday, June 17

Current Expense – \$6,133.00

Benevolent – \$220.00

Missions – \$465.00

Building – \$240.00

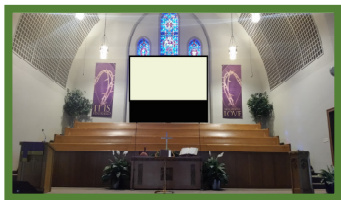
TOTAL – \$7,058.00

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$0

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...

SUMMER SERVE DAYS: We have planned FOUR one-day mission trips we are doing as a church this summer, with three remaining:

- **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 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 signup 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.

PRAYER AT THE GATES will take place on the corner of 154th & 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 is hosting Selah in concert on **Friday, September 14** at Bethel CRC in Lansing, IL. Limited seating. Purchase your tickets online at bibleleague.org/selah.

SAVE THE DATE: Providence Life Services has its 58th annual ministry celebration, Torchlight Dinner on **Friday, November 2, 2018** at the Shedd Aquarium. Reserve online at <https://www.providenceliveservices.com/torchlight-registration-2018/> or call 708-342-8108.

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

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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:** Amy Veldboom; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld
PROJECTION: Tiffany Surrel; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Nick Paarlberg, Nikki Nyhanna, and Abby Veldboom
PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill
WELCOME CENTER: Rick Furst
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Gwen Adams; First Response: Keith Durkin
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Joanne Hoeksema, Alice Kats, Pam Costello and Celeste DeBoer

MONDAY, JULY 2

7:00PM: Worship Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

8:00AM: Prayer at the Gates (corner of 154th & South Park Avenue)
Church Office and Family Life Christian Day Care & Pre-School Closed

FRIDAY, JULY 6

6:00PM: OASIS bowling at Lan-Oak Lanes

SUNDAY, JULY 8

GREETERS: Rick & Pam Furst and Colin & Geni Cutler
COFFEE SERVERS: Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Griff & Mary Decker
NURSERY: Merley Verhagen and Amy Veldboom
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
VIDEO: Mike Decker; **PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg,
PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes
WELCOME CENTER: Larry DeYoung
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COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Lili Swenson, Dorothy Jacobsma, Barb Grevengoed and Gail Housman

SERMON NOTES...

“The Lord Is Merciful & Gracious, Slow to Anger & Abounding in Steadfast Love”
Exodus 34:1-10
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, July 10** (will not be meeting on Tuesday, July 3). 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:

Lynn Hoeksema has been moved to the ICU at Northwestern Hospital. She has developed complications from her emergency surgery.

Ron Abernathy is in South Suburban for tests.

LaVerne Churchill is at Ingalls Hospital.

Bob Asmus has returned home from the hospital.

Loretta Bovenkerk has been admitted to Advocate South Suburban Hospital. The family would appreciate no visitors at this time.

Jim Veld has returned home from the hospital.

Ralph Knopf continues with his chemo treatments.

Rich Riddering has returned home from the hospital.

Kenny Gardiner is recovering from spinal surgery at Ingalls Hospital.

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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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.