

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

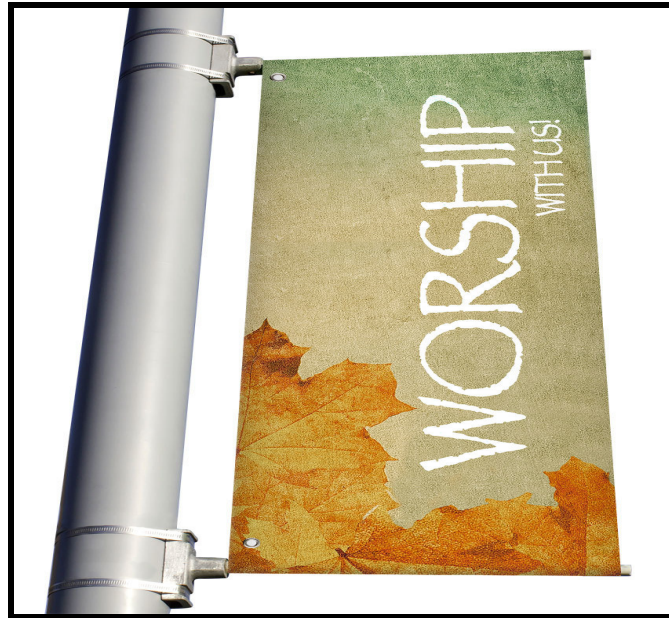
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 27, 2020



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### Welcome...

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;  
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;  
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;  
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;  
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;  
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;  
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;  
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 27, 2020

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

*"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"*

*"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"*

*"Order My Steps"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Opening Responsive Reading

Psalm 104; Isaiah 43, Isaiah 46,  
& Hebrews 12

LEADER: As we gather together this morning, we represent our unique journeys, our individual stories. And as we worship, we join together our stories into the Great True Story that our God is telling.

PEOPLE: **The Lord created us, he formed us, and he redeemed us, so we will not fear. He has summoned us by our names; he speaks into our stories; he always completes his work; we are his.**

LEADER: Some of our stories are near their beginning:

PEOPLE: **God sends forth his Spirit, and we are created. His life-giving breath upholds us from our birth and carries us through the days of our youth.**

LEADER: Some of our stories are nearing their end:

PEOPLE: **Even to our old age and gray hairs, we are sustained, carried, and rescued by our God.**

LEADER: Some of stories are facing the twists and turns of life:

PEOPLE: **When we pass through the waters, God is with us. When we pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over us. When we walk through the fire, they will not burn us. For the Lord our God is our Savior, we will not be afraid.**

LEADER: Whatever our story, whatever our mood, wherever our journey has brought us, this is the right place for us to be.

PEOPLE: **Jesus is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; we fix our eyes on him.**

**\*Congregational Singing**

**“Let All Things Now Living”**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

His banners are o’er us, His light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

**“Beautiful Savior”**

All my days I will sing this song of gladness, give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness You heard my cry, and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer; I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.

**Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You’re the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, Glorious in holiness,  
You’re the Risen One, Heaven’s Champion,  
and You reign, You reign over all.**

I long to be where the praise is never-ending;  
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
where countless worshippers will share one song,  
and cries of “worthy” will honor the Lamb!

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**Congregational Prayer**

Pastor Corey Buchanan

**Offering**

Pastor Jim Oord

**Congregational Singing**

**“He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands”**

He’s got the whole world in His hands. (4x)

He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands. (4x)

He’s got everybody here in His hands. (4x)

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Jim Oord

**\*Sending in Grace**

**“God Be with You”**

God be with you ‘till we meet again,  
by His counsels guide, uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you;  
God we with you ‘till we meet again.

God be with you ‘till we meet again;  
if life’s perils should confound you,  
God will put His arms around you;  
God be with you ‘till we meet again.

***SERMON NOTES...***

**Genesis 2:4-9; Deuteronomy 34:5-8; John 8:1-11**  
**“Rules of Engagement: Respect”**  
**Pastor Jim Oord**

## Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Pastor Jim Oord

### Song of Assurance

### “Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

**Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong, in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.**

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

**Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong, in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.  
He is Lord, Lord of all.**

**Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong, in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found -  
dressed in His righteousness alone; faultless, stand before the throne.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Scripture

Genesis 2:4-9; Deuteronomy 34:5-8; John 8:1-11

### Sermon

**“Rules of Engagement: Respect”**  
Pastor Jim Oord

### Congregational Affirmation

LEADER: In a world divided by nations and platforms, by hate and greed, by systems and powers:

PEOPLE: We pledge our allegiance to the Kingdom of Heaven.

LEADER: In a world eager to divide us, use us, and abuse us:

PEOPLE: We recognize the dignity of each human being made in the image of God.

LEADER: When others write people off, ignore their needs, or belittle their value:

PEOPLE: We will respect and treasure the lives of others, no matter their age, station, or situation. In life's highs and lows, beginnings and ends, we value each person.

## CHURCH LIFE...

**KNITTERS & QUILTERS** will next meet Monday, October 5.

**OASIS** will next meet Sunday, October 4 in the Loft from 6:30-8:00pm

**THANK YOU** from the family of Rhonda (Bothwell) Smits for the many prayers, numerous cards and words of sympathy and remembrance. – Becky Wright

**THANK YOU** for the phone calls, cards, visits, virtual hugs, and support during this past week. I am so thankful that my dad is with Jesus, and that my children and grandchildren are part of the First Reformed Church family. – Rhonda Hesselink

**OUR THANKS TO THE WORSHIP TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Joanne Hoeksema, Austin Parks, and Matthew Rietveld.

**UNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** of South Holland is having its first annual *Mums on a Mission* fundraiser. All info about ordering and pick-up can be found at <https://www.weareuca.org/mums>. See your Friday newsletter for more information.

**PASS NETWORK FOR LIFE** is holding a virtual banquet this Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. More information can be found at <http://banquet.helppass.org/>

## OUR GIFTS...

### Sunday, September 20

Basket Total: \$1,775.30

Online Total: \$1,920.00

Giving Total: \$3,695.30

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

**There are several ways to bring your gifts to the church:**

- Drop off to the deacons as you exit the parking lot on Sunday
- Online
- Mail
- Bring to church office
- Put them in the mailbox right outside of the church office door

## CARE...

**Bill Rietveld** is at Beecher Manor for rehab, his temporary room number is 606.

**Phyllis DeYoung** is doing well as she recuperates from surgery to replace her pacemaker.

**Ken Groeneveld** is recuperating from hip replacement surgery. He is receiving physical therapy at home.

**Don Spiekhout** is recuperating from skin surgery he had on Wednesday.

**Mike Spitz** (one of our regular visitors) requests prayers as he navigates some difficult decisions for his family's future.

**Marla Owens** has returned to Great Lakes Nursing Home in Dyer.

**Lenora Anker** is now living with her daughter Lynn in Crete.

**Leona Jacobs** is out of Hospice Care and in an Assisted Living Apartment at Park Place in Elmhurst.

**Ryan Wiersma**, brother of Aubrey Durkin, has been discharged from the hospital after having COVID. The family is thankful he is doing much better!

Please keep **Ray and Chandra Ondrejka** in your prayers as they are anticipating a foster child to enter their care.

**Ray Banks** is home; he has a long road of recovery ahead of him.

**Jane Coleman**, Judy Brouwer's sister, is at Community Hospital after having two strokes resulting in loss of speech and vision.

**Scott Ebbens**, brother of Celeste DeBoer has now been diagnosed with COVID and due to his diabetes he is struggling with the symptoms of COVID.

**Chad and Dara VandenBosch**, our missionaries in Mozambique, need your prayers as they continue with their adoption of Zinha.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Doris Boomsma, Village Woods #601, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417.

### SECRETARIES' COVID OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM – NOON Monday – Friday

So also faith by itself, if it does  
not have works, is dead.

James 2:17

## STAFF...

**Rev. James Oord**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Dr. Anthony Bolkema**  
*Pastor of Worship & Ministry*

**Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed**  
*Pastor of Care & Visitation*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
*Church Administrator*

**Gerri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Judy Gill**  
*Care & Visitation Assistant*

**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

**Darcy Daly**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

**Toni Smith**

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

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**Join us again next Sunday in the church parking lot for our outdoor worship service. If you are visiting with us, we would like to get to know you better. Please fill out the information below and tear off and place it in the offering plate as you exit the parking lot.**

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