

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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OUTDOOR SERVICE

Sunday, July 19, 2020



Tune to FM 89.9 if you remain in your car with windows closed...

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.

We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

CARE...

Don VanDeursen fell and broke his right elbow and fractured his left wrist. He is recovering from surgery at home.

Rachel Wooley is recuperating at home from out-patient foot surgery.

Don Spiekhout is at Munster Hospital for tests.

Craig Nelson has been diagnosed with COVID, Jan has not been tested but they are both extremely sick and need our prayers.

Marla Owens has returned to Dyer Nursing and Rehab Center, Room 164-2.

Bill Rietveld's cancer has returned and is on a treatment schedule.

Leona Jacobs continues in hospice care at Park Place in Elmhurst.

Bob Griffin continues with treatments for lung cancer.

Viola VanDam has moved to Providence of Downers Grove, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515. Temporary Room Number is 50.

Ray Banks is home but continues to have physical, occupational and speech therapy. He has a long road of recovery ahead of him. Special prayers for his speech and the development of his right arm are needed. Cards can be sent to Restoration Ministries (253 E. 159th Street, Harvey, 60426) and they will be delivered to him.

THANK YOU for all the cards and phone calls I received. A special thank you to Jodi Eylander for the meal. I'm slowly getting better and it will take some time to completely heal. Thanks to Nyla DeGraff and Pastor Jim for checking up on me after being in the hospital.
– Faye Gowens

New Phone Number for Nancy Bates - 331-903-7322.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, July 12

Basket Total: \$5,046.00; Online Total: \$1,754.00

Giving Total: \$6,800.00 (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

KNITTERS & QUILTERS will resume meeting tomorrow, **Monday, July 20** in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am.

CARING ELDERS/CARING DEACONS will meet **Monday, July 27** in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm followed by Elders meeting and deacons meeting. Please come wearing a mask and ready to comply with social distancing. The organ door will be used for entry.

ELIM DUTCH FESTIVAL: Support Elim's students and adults through this year's "No Fest Dutch Fest"! Due to the uncertainties of the coronavirus situation, we will not be able to host our traditional Dutch Festival event on Elim's campus in September. But you can still enjoy *many* of your Dutch Festival favorites through the "No Fest Dutch Fest" event! **Our Dutch Village ONLINE SHOP will be open July 13 – August 15!** Just go to elimcs.org/dutch-festival and place your order *by August 15*. Curbside pick-up will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at Elim Christian Services. All proceeds directly bless children and adults with disabilities. Questions? Call 708-293-6509 or email Laura.Schnyders@elimcs.org.

SERMON NOTES...

James 4:13-17

"13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. 17 Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."

Opening Responsive Reading

LEADER: As we enter this festive time of worship, we trade the songs of darkness for a melody of light, we trade the songs of self for a tune of praise, we trade our downward glances for heavenward adoration.

PEOPLE: God is putting us back together, so we come singing joyfully. God has lifted us up, so we come praising. Delight is our fitting response.

LEADER: So play skillfully, musicians! Shout for joy, young and old! Make music and sing a new song, all you people!

PEOPLE: Praise the LORD! His grace has given us a new song to sing.

LEADER: As we enter this refreshing time of hearing God's Word, we realize that we have spoken hurtful words into this world and we have had harmful words spoken to us.

PEOPLE: So we come to have the powerful Word of the LORD spoken over us, in us, and through us.

LEADER: God spoke and the heavens were made, the stars and planets of the universe were made by the breath of his mouth. God's voice controls the waters of the sea, the storms in the air, and puts all things in their appointed places and seasons.

PEOPLE: He spoke and it came to be; he commanded and it stood firm.

LEADER: So let God speak over us today, let his word and spirit rearrange us into his new creation people. Let his mighty voice reconstitute us into spokespeople for his Kingdom. Let his word invigorate us and commission us to speak peace to the nations.

PEOPLE: Let all the earth fear the LORD. Let all the people of the world revere him.¹

¹Psalm 33:1-3; 6-9, paraphrased.

Great Is He

Great is He who's the King of kings
and the Lord of lords - He is wonderful!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah -
He is wonderful!

Hallelujah, salvation and glory,
honor and power - He is wonderful!

Unchanging

Great is Your faithfulness. Great is Your faithfulness.
You never change, You never fail, O God.

True are Your promises. True are Your promises.
You never change, You never fail, O God.

**So we raise up holy hands to praise the Holy One
Who Was, and Is, and Is to come. (2x)**

Wide is Your love and grace. Wide is Your love and grace.
You never change, You never fail, O God.

You were, You are, You will always be. (4x)

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me,
and pulled me from the raging sea.

I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls,

His strength will help me scale these walls.

I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.

**Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won: the Lord is my salvation.**

My hope is hidden in the Lord,
He flowers each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come:
the Lord is my salvation.

*Glory be to God, the Father, glory be to God, the Son
Glory be to God, the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation. (2x)*

All Glory Be To Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive,
unless the Lord does raise the house
in vain its builders strive.

To you who boast tomorrow's gain,
tell me what is your life?

A mist that vanishes at dawn - all glory be to Christ!

**All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing, all glory be to Christ!**

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above;
Who is Himself our daily bread,
praise Him the Lord of love.

Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
we'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I Am – the faithful and the true –
the Lamb who was for sinners slain
is making all things new.

Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light,
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!

Closing Responsive Reading²

LEADER: The eyes of the LORD view your past with forgiveness and grace.

PEOPLE: We go out in gratitude, under his mercy, thankful for new chances.

LEADER: The eyes of the LORD view your future with wisdom and guidance.

PEOPLE: We go out in hope, trusting his unfailing love.

LEADER: He will deliver you from danger and promises you abundant life.

PEOPLE: We go out in confidence, for he is our help and our shield.

LEADER: Wait, hope, rejoice, and trust, whatever this week holds, for you are not alone. God goes with you. Do not be afraid.

PEOPLE: We go marked by his holy name.

LEADER: The unfailing love of the LORD is with you, now and forevermore.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
praise Him, all creatures here below,
praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, amen.

² Psalm 33:18-22, paraphrased.



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Address_____

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