

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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OUTDOOR SERVICE

Sunday, August 23, 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.

CARE...

Bill Rietveld has been transferred to The Villa and is on the 1st floor, he will soon be moved to the second floor.

Ken Groeneveld is recuperating from hip replacement surgery he had on Friday.

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

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

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, had radiation treatments due to returning cancer; they are hopeful he will continue to do well.

Marla Owens has moved to Great Lakes Nursing Home in Dyer. Room 12.

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

Bob Griffin continues with treatments for lung cancer.

Dale Wright, son of Dave and Becky Wright, is home and waiting for results from recent tests at Mayo Clinic.

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

We want to thank everyone for all their prayers and thoughtfulness while Don had both arms in a cast. Everything looks like it is healing good. – Don & Noreen VanDeursen

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 23

Basket Total: \$3,402.00; Online Total: \$4,552.00

Giving Total: \$7,954.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

SECRETARIES' SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM – NOON

Monday – Friday

CHURCH LIFE...

YOU ARE WELCOME to a COVID style “picnic” today after the service on the front lawn of church. If you did not bring a snack from home and would like to participate with us this morning, please help yourself to a bottle of water and a package of cookies.

OASIS meets tonight from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Loft.

QUILTERS AND KNITTERS will meet tomorrow, Monday, August 31.

OUR BOOK CLUB will **not** be starting in the fall. More information will follow.

HOPE PACKS DRIVE: Tomorrow is the last day to return your donation to church. Please help us bless as many children as possible by collecting the supplies on your checklist and including a small donation. A bag of school supplies and a small donation allows Elim adults to assemble and ship one HOPE Pack of school supplies. Help us bless two people with every single HOPE Pack. Please don't forget your encouraging notes and to fill out the gift information completely for accurate receipting of your tax-deductible donation.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. Due to COVID, a copy of the financial statement can also be emailed to you by notifying the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Griff Decker.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH is hosting an all-school live stream Convocation Service for Calvin Christian School on **Wednesday, September 2** from 1:45 – 2:15pm. All are invited to join us as we begin the school year.

CHURCH OFFICE AND FAMILY LIFE DAY CARE will be closed on **Monday, September 7** in the celebration of Labor Day.

SOUTH HOLLAND FUN RUN 5K, Saturday, September 19 starting at 7am at Veterans Memorial Park. The Fun Run is a safe, socially distanced race with staggered start times to keep the crowd minimal. Cost is \$20.00 and will go up to \$30.00 in September so, register today at:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2020/26641/village-of-south-holland-fun-run>

Opening Responsive Reading¹

LEADER: Every Sunday, we gather again, joining together our various streams, merging together our individual stories. Where have you walked this past week?

PEOPLE: We have walked through beginnings and endings, rain and drought, fruitful and lean times, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty, progress and setbacks.

LEADER: Through all these things, it is the almighty and ever-present power of God that upholds you. All things come to you not by chance, but by His caring, fatherly hand. Whatever our journey, we come to remind ourselves of this truth:

PEOPLE: The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath us are His everlasting arms.

LEADER: He will drive out your enemies before you. In Him, you will dwell secure. You are a people saved by the LORD. He is your shield, your helper, and your glorious protection.

PEOPLE: So we will be patient when things go against us and thankful when things go well. And for the future, we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from His love.

LEADER: Rest peacefully in this good news: you are completely in God's hand. He shields you all day long.

PEOPLE: There is no one like our God! He rides across the heavens to help us. Jesus came down to speak peace into our stories, our streams, and our struggles.

¹ Based on Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 10, and Deuteronomy 33.

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, ever more His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to all people in distress.
Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like, He tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as His mercy flows!

Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;
a fortress strong against my foes and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to Him who hears me.

**O praise Him, hallelujah! My Delight and my Reward;
everlasting, never failing – my Redeemer, my God.**

Find rest my soul in God alone amid the world's temptations,
when evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go don't set your heart upon them -
the fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in Him completely;
with every day pour out my soul and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death and I am His forever!

Leaning

What a fellowship, what a joy divine – leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine –
leaning on the everlasting arms.

**I'm leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms.
I'm leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way –
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day –
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread? What have I to fear?
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near –
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Closing Responsive Reading²

LEADER: God has given you tools of redemption. He calls you to be His
ambassadors in a curse-stained world.

PEOPLE: We go to sow peace, to cultivate hope, and to practice love.

LEADER: God sends us out into weeks that will hold mingled trouble and
happiness, sickness and health, failure and victory, heartbreak and wholeness,
sin and virtue.

**PEOPLE: We go to pray, to confess, to sing, to heal, to reconcile, and to
be a blessing.**

LEADER: God does not send you out alone. He gives you the effective
power of the Holy Spirit. He gives you the friendship and aid of sisters and
brothers.

**PEOPLE: We go together, we go under His mercy, we go with
expectation and joy.**

² Based on James 5:13-18.

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

“Love Dares Us To Change: The Tools We Use To Address Life”

James 5:13-18

Pastors Jim Oord and Corey Buchanan

WELCOME

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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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Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____