

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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## OUTDOOR SERVICE

Sunday, August 23, 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.

### CARE...

**Beth Burrink** is in hospice care in Holland, Michigan.

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

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

**Don VanDeursen** continues his recuperation from surgery at home after breaking his right elbow and fracturing his left wrist.

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

**Craig and Jan Nelson** need our prayers as they regain strength from COVID.

**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 at the Mayo Clinic for tests.

**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. 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Harvey, 60426) and they will be delivered to him.

### OUR GIFTS...

#### Sunday, August 16

Basket Total: \$4,090.00; Online Total: \$1,743.00

Gifts/Memorial: LaVerne Kampen - \$70.00

Giving Total: \$5,903.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

#### SECRETARIES' SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM – NOON

Monday – Friday

## **CHURCH LIFE...**

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** is extended to Peter and Julia Keep on the birth of their baby girl, Gianna Elise born on Saturday, August 15, at Munster Community Hospital.

**QUILTERS AND KNITTERS** will next meet on Monday, August 31.

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

**HOPE PACKS DRIVE:** In your bulletin last Sunday, you received a checklist and envelope. Our church can provide meaningful work for the adults in Elim's Adult Services Program *and* bless children in the CPO program. You will have the **month of August** to return it 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's 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 READING**

**LEADER:** In worship, we learn a new way of looking at the world, at our lives, and at each other.

**PEOPLE:** **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, the one who goes before us, the one who takes us by the hand.**

**LEADER:** In worship, we gain a new perspective on the trials and tribulations of our lives.

**PEOPLE:** **Let us not grow weary or lose heart. Instead, let us consider the one who endured the cross, ignored its shame, and willingly faced death, all for love's sake.**

**LEADER:** In worship, we reject the false narratives and systems that our world offers. Instead, we place ourselves in the story of our victorious King Jesus, who sits at the right hand of the throne of God.

**PEOPLE:** **We throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.**

**LEADER:** In worship, we strengthen our feeble arms and our weak knees so that we can run the race marked out for us and follow where he leads.

**PEOPLE:** **We come to know the healing and peace that God offers his daughters and sons.**

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*Based on Hebrews 12.*

## **A MIGHTY FORTRESS**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper, He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

The word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

### **LIVING HOPE**

How great the chasm that lay between us,  
how high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
and spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
to wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven;  
the King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

**Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!**  
**Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!**  
**You have broken every chain,**  
**there's salvation in Your name,**  
**Jesus Christ, my living hope!**

Then came the morning that sealed the promise -  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
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declared the grave has no claim on me!  
Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

### **OUT OF THE DEPTHS (I WILL WAIT FOR YOU)**

Out of the depths I cry to You,  
in darkest place I will call.  
Incline Your ear to me anew,  
and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways,  
how could I come before Your throne?  
Yet, full forgiveness meets my gaze,  
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You,**  
**on Your word I will rely.**  
**I will wait for You, surely wait for You**  
**'till my soul is satisfied.**

So put your hope in God alone, take courage in His power to save,  
completely and forever won by Christ emerging from the grave.

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You ‘till my soul is satisfied.**

Now He has come to make a way and God Himself has paid the price,  
That all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice.  
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**I will wait for You, I will wait for You,  
through the storm and through the night.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.**

**WE WILL FEAST**

**We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things, we will say together;  
we will feast and weep no more.**

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord, our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood -  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
my soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh, how long?  
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed -  
You are the Faithful One.  
And from the garden to the grave  
bind us together, bring shalom.

**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.



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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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