

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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## OUTDOOR SERVICE

Communion Sunday, September 13, 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.

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Communion Sunday, September 13, 2020

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

*"Reflections On 'The Valley of Peace'"*

*"Nearer, Still Nearer"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

### \*Opening Responsive Reading

LEADER: This morning, we do not worship alone. We join with those worshipping in their homes; we join with those worshipping around the world; we join all creation lifting up our song of praise.

PEOPLE: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. We join our voices in praising, we tell of God's wonderful deeds.

LEADER: This morning, we zealously proclaim the triumphs of God's grace, joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in hymns of God's eternal glory.

PEOPLE: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

LEADER: This morning, we look to Jesus, the one who brought heaven to earth, the one who showed us what God is really like, the one who became flesh and dwelt among us.

PEOPLE: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

LEADER: This morning, we bask in the majesty of our God, we delight in his presence, and we celebrate his kindness.

PEOPLE: Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, so it is now and so it shall ever be, world without end. Alleluia.

**\*Congregational Singing**

Praise the Lord! O heavens, adore Him;  
praise Him, angels in the height;  
sun and moon, bow down before Him;  
praise Him, shining stars of light.  
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;  
worlds His mighty voice obeyed;  
laws which never shall be broken  
for their guidance He has made.

**Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him**

Praise the Lord, for He is gracious;  
never shall His promise fail;  
God has made His saints victorious;  
sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
hosts on high, His power proclaim;  
heaven and earth, and all creation,  
laud and magnify His name.

**Majesty**

Majesty, worship his majesty;  
unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne  
unto His own, His anthem raise.  
So exalt, life up on high the name of Jesus;  
magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty;  
Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

**Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance**

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

**Trisagion**

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy, have mercy on us.

**Song of Assurance**

**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.**

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.

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.

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

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Scripture**

**James 1:2-5; 2:14-17; 3:17-18; 4:7-8; 5:7**

**Sermon**

**“Love Dares Us to Change: It’s So Slashed and Torn”**  
Pastor Jim Oord

***SERMON NOTES...***

**James 1:2-5; 2:14-17; 3:17-18; 4:7-8; 5:7**  
**“Love Dares Us to Change: It’s So Slashed and Torn”**  
**Pastor Jim Oord**

James 1:2-5 – “*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.*”

James 2:14-17 – “*What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*”

James 3:17-18 - “*But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.*”

James 4:7-8 - “*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*”

James 5:7 - “*Be Patient, then, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.*”

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.

### Post-Communion Responsive Reading

LEADER: As we have been fed at this table,

**PEOPLE: We go to feed the hungry.**

LEADER: As we have been set free,

**PEOPLE: We go to set free the imprisoned.**

LEADER: As we have been made brothers and sisters,

**PEOPLE: We go to welcome the lonely.**

LEADER: As we have received graciously,

**PEOPLE: We go to give generously.**

LEADER: As we have heard,

**PEOPLE: We go to proclaim.**

LEADER: As we have seen the light of Christ,

**PEOPLE: We go to let our lights shine.**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

### Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

### Offering

### Beloved

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God,  
and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love.

Beloved, let us love one another,

First John four: seven and eight.

### \*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.

### \*Postlude

Joanne Hoeksema

## **CHURCH LIFE...**

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Paulette Adams who passed away on Saturday, September 5.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is also extended to Dave and Becky Wright on the passing of Becky's sister, Rhonda Smits, on Saturday, September 5.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is also extended to the family and friends of Gordon Grober, who passed away on Tuesday, September 8.

**THANK YOU** for the much-appreciated cards, prayers, and calls. All of these make me feel close to you. I am at Beecher Manor for rehab and working hard so I can return home.  
– Bill Rietveld

**OASIS MEETS** on Sunday, September 20 from 6:30 until 8:00pm in the Loft.

**KNITTERS & QUILTERS** will next meet **Monday, September 21** in the Fellowship Hall.

**OUR THANKS TO THE WORSHIP TEAM:** Nick Paarlberg, Bill and Nikki Nyhanna, Pastor Anthony, Bella VanderWoude and Amy Veldboom.

**SOUTH HOLLAND FUN RUN 5K, Saturday, September 19** starting at 7:00am at Veterans Memorial Park. The Fun Run is a safe, socially distanced race with staggered start times to keep the crowd minimal. Cost is now \$30.00 so register today at:

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

**IT'S SO IMPORTANT** to complete the Census to be counted and receive proper funding for our area. Deadline is Wednesday, September 30. Don't delay!



## **OUR GIFTS...**

### Sunday, September 6

Basket Total: \$7,116.00; Online Total: \$2,390.00

Giving Total: \$9,506.00; (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** has been transferred to Beecher Manor and is in a temporary room until his quarantine for COVID is over.

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

**Ramelle DeVries** is recovering at home after having surgery on September 2.

**Bob Asmus** fell and is in physical therapy at Symphony of Dyer, Rm C146.

**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 been admitted to Munster Community Hospital, Room 325.

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

**Nyla De Graff** will be having outpatient knee surgery on Thursday, September 17 in Tinley Park.

**Ray Banks** is home but continues to have physical, occupational and speech therapy. 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.

**Mike VanderVliet**, son-in-law of Andy & Celeste DeBoer, just tested positive for COVID. Please pray for him and the other teachers at Brookfield Christian School as now 8 of the 12 full time teachers are now positive for COVID.

**Chad VandenBosch**, our missionary in Mozambique, has been suffering from headaches and high fever. Please pray for clarity of diagnosis, for healing, and for peace for his wife Dara and their daughters Nede and Zinha.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Lenora Anker, Beecher Manor Room 504A, 1201 Dixie Highway, Beecher, IL 60401.

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

James 2:17

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