

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 20, 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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 20, 2020

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

"We Sing the Mighty Power of God"

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

"All Nature Sings"

"Psalm 148"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Opening Responsive Reading

Psalm 148:1-13, 14b

LEADER: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights above.

PEOPLE: Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.

LEADER: Praise Him, sun and moon, Praise Him, all you shining stars.

PEOPLE: Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.

PEOPLE: He set them in place for ever and ever; He gave a decree that will never pass away.

LEADER: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

PEOPLE: lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do His bidding,

LEADER: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

PEOPLE: wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

LEADER: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

PEOPLE: young men and maidens, old men and children.

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted;

PEOPLE: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

LEADER: Praise the Lord.

PEOPLE: Praise the Lord.

***Congregational Singing**

O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; we turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; we long for You.
‘Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna, hosanna!
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna!
Come have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You.
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new.
‘Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Pastor Jim Oord

Offering

Pastor Jim Oord

If I Were A Butterfly

If I were a butterfly, I’d thank You, Lord, for giving me wings,
and if I were a robin in a tree, I’d thank You, Lord, that I could sing.
And if I were a fish in the sea, I’d wiggle my tail and I’d giggle with glee,
but I just thank You, Father, for making me me.

‘Cause You gave me a heart, and You gave me a smile,
You gave me Jesus and You made me Your child,
and I just thank You, Father, for making me me.

If I were an elephant, I’d thank You, Lord by raising my trunk,
and if I were a kangaroo, I’d just hop right up to You.
And if I were an octopus, I’d thank You, Lord, for my good looks,
but I just thank You, Father, for making me me.

***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 1

“Rules of Engagement: Human Dignity”
Pastor Jim Oord and Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Genesis 1

Sermon **"Rules of Engagement: Human Dignity"**
Pastor Jim Oord and Pastor Corey Buchanan

Congregational Affirmation Pastor Jim Oord

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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Pastor Corey Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

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

KNITTERS & QUILTERS will meet tomorrow on **Monday, September 21** AT 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR THANKS TO THE WORSHIP TEAM: Nick Paarlberg, Bill Nyhanna, Pastor Jim, Nate Krygsheld and Abby Veldboom.

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>. Support an important mission!

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 13

Basket Total: \$7,440.50

Online Total: \$4,556.00

Giving Total: \$11,996.50

(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.

Phyllis DeYoung will be having surgery to replace her pacemaker, Tuesday, September 22 at Palos Hospital.

Norma Smit is recuperating from a heart ablation procedure she had Monday.

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

Bob Asmus has been able to return home.

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

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

Nyla De Graff is recuperating from having outpatient knee surgery on Thursday, September 17.

Ryan Wiersma, brother of Aubrey Durkin, is in the hospital with a severe case of COVID.

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 VandenBosch, our missionary in Mozambique, is doing much better. Chad and Dara need your prayers as they continue with their adoption of Zinha.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Leona Jacobs, Park Place of Elmhurst, #362, 1950 S. Euclid Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126. Remember Leona also as she celebrates her 92nd birthday on September 26.

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...

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