



World Communion Sunday

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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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October 4, 2020



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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2020

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Anthony Bolkema
“This is My Father’s Love”
“Christ Alone”

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Singing

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam -
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice;
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
Aand worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one!
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Wayne and Joyce Deinema, on the passing of their son-in-law, Pete Nyquist on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Our Christian sympathy is also extended to the family and friends of **Dylan Cunningham**, a 29-year-old South Holland firefighter, who tragically passed away after participating in an underwater dive in Bourbonnais on Wednesday morning.

KNITTERS & QUILTERS will meet tomorrow at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

OASIS will meet tonight, October 4 in the Loft from 6:30-8:00pm.

OUR THANKS TO THE WORSHIP TEAM: Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, Amy & Abby Veldboom, and Robert Wooley.

FORMATION GROUPS: many of our members have been greatly blessed by their participation in a small group over the last year (especially during the pandemic). This Fall, we're getting ready to re-launch this important ministry, so if you haven't been a part of a small group, contact the church office to sign up.

THE LADIES BIBLE STUDY will resume on Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We will continue our study of “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23”. This first session will focus on Chapters 7 and 8, so please reread them. Social distancing and mask wearing will be implemented. Hope to see you there.

WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2020 THANKSGIVING CHALLENGE? All throughout the month of October, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing and jiffy corn bread mixes in the Fellowship Hall. **Our goal as a church is to collect 400 boxes OF EACH!** These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 400 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. First Church member Geni Cutler is the Executive Director of this organization which is committed to filling gaps in the underserved community by providing essential items and services where they are limited. Please see Pastor Anthony, Pastor Jim, or Geni with any questions.

WITH COVID THIS YEAR, Elim’s Dutch fest was only online orders with curbside pickup. There was a great response!! Thank you for your prayers, working & your orders.
- Judy Gill, Lynn Hoeksema, Tricia Paarlberg, and Wanda Veld

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL fundraiser begins Monday, October 12 and goes through Saturday, October 17. New this year is the Online Auction Format, www.32auctions.com/Calvin Christian School.

CARE...

Joanne Hoeksema has returned home from the hospital.

Bill Rietveld has returned home and continues his rehab.

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

Don Spiekhout is recuperating from skin surgery he had on Wednesday.

Mike Spitz (one of our regular visitors) requests prayers as he navigates some difficult decisions for his family's future.

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

Lenora Anker is now living with her daughter Lynn in Crete.

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

Mike and Joanne Hoeksema’s grandson, **Jordan Tanis**, is recovering at home from surgery that he had on Tuesday last week to repair his pacemaker. The pacemaker had shifted in place and an infection had developed around the site.

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 and Dara VandenBosch, our missionaries in Mozambique, need your prayers as they continue with their adoption of Zinha.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Anker, c/o Lynn Briney, 2655 E. Vera Lane, Crete, IL 60417

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 27

Basket Total: \$3,857.25; Online Total: \$1,790.00

Giving Total: \$5,647.25; (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

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother –
all who live in love are Thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance “His Mercy Is More”

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore -
our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us:
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Song of Preparation “The B-I-B-L-E”

The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that’s the book for me!
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E!

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Genesis 2:15-25

Aaron and Benjamin Wooley

Sermon

“Rules of Engagement: Community”

Pastor Jim Oord

Congregational Affirmation

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.

Leader: When others write people off, ignore their needs, or belittle their value:

People: We will respect and treasure the lives of others, no matter their age, station, or situation. In life’s highs and lows, beginnings and ends, we value each person.

Leader: When others emphasize rugged individualism, self-reliance, and independence:

People: It is not good for us to be alone! We will seek out and cultivate community. We will learn to be vulnerable and open as we depend on others.

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

As Your family, Lord, meet us here (3x)
O Lord, meet us here.

At Your table, Lord, we are fed (3x)
O Lord, feed us here.

Fill our spirits, Lord, with Your love (3x)
O Lord, with Your love.

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offering

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

“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.

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 2:15-25
“Rules of Engagement: Community”
Pastor Jim Oord

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” ¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” ¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” ²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.