

First Reformed Church

Buffalo Center. IA 641-562-2317

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May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM

Prelude

Keyboard: Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and Announcements

GOD'S PEOPLE CRY OUT (Psalm 1)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread,

OR SIT IN THE SEAT OF SCOFFERS;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

AND ON HIS LAW THEY MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

WHICH YIELD THEIR FRUIT IN ITS SEASON,

and their leaves do not wither.

IN ALL THAT THEY DO, THEY PROSPER.

The wicked are not so,

BUT ARE LIKE CHAFF THAT THE WIND DRIVES AWAY.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

NOR SINNERS IN THE CONGREGATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

BUT THE WAY OF THE WICKED WILL PERISH.

Hymn of Praise # 354

"Just As I Am"

Invocation/Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Guidelines for Living- Ten Commandments – Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation # 358

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

Sermon: WHEN THE CHEMISTRY IS RIGHT

A miracle occurs when God and we agree...it points to Jesus and the gift that our life in God is forever.

The Apostles Creed

Offering and Doxology

Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Action # 447

"Because He Lives"

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 305

"He Is Lord"

Welcome to First Reformed Church

This is a special place where our theme is always focused on the wonderful life Jesus came to insure that we live. The miracle is that we have this life today but we also have it forever. ETERNAL LIFE is our theme this morning – how we get it, and how we live it.

All are welcome to celebrate the accomplishments of our youth.

Congratulations to Caleb Rasch who is graduating today in Armstrong.

Please uphold those who are on the prayer list: Dale Kramersmeier, Vern Risius, Chance Mayland, Ranee Higgins, Please contact the office if you would like you name on or off the prayer list. **Continue to uphold our seniors at TMNH:** Jim Bosma, and Deloris Kettwick, Others in care centers are MaryAnn Voortman, Jim Wubben, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, and Velma Dontje.

Attendance last week – 55 Offering was \$1430.00

BULLETIN COVER sponsor for May is Linda Harms

OUR WORSHIP BROADCAST today is live on the radio at KIOW 107.3, and streamed on WCTA Cable Channel 2 is given in loving memory of Howard Michaelson by his family and friends.

Thank you so much for the gifts we received at our Wedding Shower on May 1. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. We also would like to thank all the individuals who helped with and contributed to the shower. Your support and encouragement means so much to us! Thanks again! **Ross Kettwick and Maggie Thomas**

Our Weekly Bible Verse is 1 John 5.12

"Whoever has the Son has life"

Happy Birthday wishes to: Arlene Risius tomorrow
Monday - Spencer Larson
Wednesday – Dusty Helland
Thursday - Kolby Wubben
Saturday – Jesse Boehm

Happy Anniversary to Mitch and Amanda Giesking on Wednesday

We are still easing in to being a more open church. Remember there is hand sanitizer in the narthex to use both coming into the sanctuary and leaving if you feel the need. Please be personally responsible with social distancing and mask wearing if you feel you want to.....
NO JUDGMENT!.....

In the weeks ahead we are hoping some fellowship activities will be resuming like our Fellowship Hour. Invite a neighbor – a friend back to church...we are eager to share God's love and our fellowship with one and all.

Our **OUTDOOR WORSHIP** is slated to begin on May 30 Memorial Day Sunday when our old American flag will be retired by the Buffalo Center military color guard and a new flag raised. The names of those who have died from our church since last year will be read and remembered. We intend to gather around the gazebo weather permitting. Sue Shike will be leading worship on this day. Make plans to join us around the gazebo!

May events:

Monday - *Sarah Circle* meets at 9 AM cleaning around the Gazebo
Tuesday - *Classis Executive Committee* will meet at 9 AM via Zoom followed by a theological exam of Kevin Pulliam who is changing his ordination to the Reformed Church in America
Wednesday - a *Lectionary Text Study* via Zoom will be held at 9:30 AM
NIHS Baccalaureate in the school auditorium at 6:30 PM
Thursday - TMNH Bible Study at 9:30 AM via Zoom
Saturday - a graveside service for Jean Swalve at 4 PM

Guest night is being planned for June 23 at 7 PM. It will be held at the HTC with guest speaker Jim McGuire. Everyone is welcome!

The flower committee for May is Joyce Anderson and Corey and Amy Rasch

Greeters for May

May 16 - Midge Hippen and Linda Harms

May 23 - Dean and Becky Beenken

No shaking of hands is needed but a friendly hello is always welcome.

First Reformed Ministry is always here for you. Please let us know at the church study if you would like a pastoral contact. The church phone is 641-562-2317.

Daily Devotionals are recorded on Facebook

Bible Study with TMNH is available via Zoom led by Pastor Bill. This brief study is primarily aimed at residents of TMNH where residents watch together in the dining hall. The Zoom meeting however is available to you. Let Pastor Bill know you would like to access this ZOOM Bible Study.

The Weekly Dose and Sunday Worship on K10W radio.

North Ia Food Pantry needs for the month of May: Fruit Canned
Cookie Mix Box Potatoes Jam Peanut Butter Pringles Chips