

May 12, 2024

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THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and love!

God has remembered God's faithful ones.

God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

*SONGS OF WORSHIP

#108 "Come Christians Join to Sing"

#263 "Alleluia Sing to Jesus"

all verses

*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SONG OF CONFESSION

"Not in Me"

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

THE WORD OF GOD

*SONG OF PREPARATION

#600 "This is My Commandment"

sung 3x

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 15: 9-17

SERMON

"Jesus as Friend"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

#809 "Doxology"

Tithes/offerings placed in the box at the entrance of the sanctuary are transferred to an offering plate and brought forward during the "Doxology" as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

#437 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

tune of #689, w. 1, 2, 3, 4

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

#835 "Savior Again"

w. 1, 2

POSTLUDE

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Participating In Worship

The Congregation

Leendert van Beek

Rosalyn De Koster, Angela Visser, Teresa Sampson,

Philip De Koster, Patrick Mulenburg

Rev. Rosalyn De Koster, Dir. of Musical Arts & HS Formation

Rev. Dr. Verlyn Boone, Transitional Pastor

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Worship Team

Liturgist

Leading in Worship



SUMMER SIGN UPS

Please take time to look through these summer sign up opportunities. You can sign up outside the sanctuary or with the links in the newsletter.

VERLYN'S LAST SUNDAY BRUNCH

June 2, 2024

To celebrate and thank Verlyn for his leadership over the last year, we will be hosting a brunch potluck on his last Sunday, June 2. All are invited to attend, but if you are willing and able, sign up to bring a dish to share. We can turn on the ovens before church if anyone needs to bake or warm up their food throughout the service. We hope to serve the brunch around 10:45am.

SUMMER TREAT SERVERS

This summer, we will be offering some fun summer treats. The treats will be provided by the church but we need individuals or groups of people to sign up to serve these treats each Sunday. This is a small commitment that will only require you to put out the pre-packaged snack after the service and will have little clean up afterwards. If you are interested in serving in this way throughout the summer, sign yourself, your family, or your friends up for a Sunday.

SUMMER GREETERS

Be a part of ARC's warm welcome! Greeters are an important part of welcoming the community into worship on Sunday morning! If you are around this summer, please consider signing up to greet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

At the May 5 congregational meeting, Rebecca Koerselman and Jennifer Lambert were elected to three-year terms as elders and Mark Beltman and Michael Wallinga were elected to three-year terms as deacons. Thank you to all of you who participated in the consistory nominations and elections process. Please continue to pray for the consistory as they lead in this season of transition.

TULIP FESTIVAL COMMUNITY

WORSHIP SERVICE—

Sunday, May 19, 2024

There will be no regular worship service at ARCOC Sunday, May 19. All ARCOC members and friends are invited to attend the Tulip Festival Community Worship Service at Windmill Park in downtown Orange City at 11:00 a.m. that day. This year, Rev. Ben Vos will be sharing a message and music will be led by New Hope Evangelical Free Church. Please bring your own blanket or lawn chair. An offering will be received for various ministries in Orange City. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at First Reformed Church, located at 420 Central Avenue NW.

GET TO KNOW YOU AND PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

This summer we will be updating our photo directory and sharing congregation Get to Know You profiles. Please fill out the online form with your information and send in an updated photo of you or your family to Elissa by May 31. See the newsletter for more information.

Come, Christians, Join To Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

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Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne:
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood,
Jesus, out of every nation,
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! heavenly High Priest,
Here on earth our help, our stay;
Alleluia! hear the sinful
Cry to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

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Not In Me

No list of sins I have not done,
No list of virtues I pursue,
No list of those I am not like
Can earn myself a place with you.
O God! be merciful to me—
I am a sinner through and through!
My only hope of righteousness
Is not in me, but only you.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer,
No lifted hands, no tearful song,
No recitation of the truth
Can justify a single wrong.
My righteousness is Jesus' life,
My debt was paid by Jesus' death,
My weary load was borne by him
And he alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world,
No work I do, no gift I give,
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my
hands;

I cannot cause my soul to live.
But Jesus died and rose again—
The pow'r of death is overthrown!
My God is merciful to me
And merciful in Christ alone.

My righteousness is Jesus' life,
My debt was paid by Jesus' death,
My weary load was borne by him
And he alone can give me rest,
And he alone can give me rest.

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O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of his love,
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To that glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread his praise from shore to shore!
He who loves us, ever loves us,
Changes never, nevermore;
He, who died to save his loves ones,
Intercedes for them above;
He, who called them his own people,
Watches over them in love.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best,
Vast the ocean of his blessing,
Sweet the haven of his rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus—
For my heaven of heavens is he;
This my everlasting glory—
Jesus' mighty love for me!

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This is My Commandment

This is my commandment,
That you love one another that your joy
may be full.
This is my commandment,
That you love one another that your joy
may be full,
That your joy may be full,
That your joy may be full.
This is my commandment,
That you love one another that your joy
may be full. (3x)

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Help Us Accept Each Other

Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother
Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted,
And meant to love and live.
Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them,
Or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us,
So that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love,
To practice your acceptance
Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness,
And laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters
With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance,
For justice and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing,
New hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit,
Lord, free us. make us one!

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Saviour Again

Savior, again to your dear name we raise
With one accord
our parting hymn of praise;
We give you thanks
before our worship cease,
And now departing,
wait your word of peace.

Grant us your peace
upon our homeward way;
With you began,
with you shall end the day;
Guard now the lips from sin,
the hearts from shame,
That in this house
have called upon your name.

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