

September 19, 2021
church news

Greeters:

September 19: Rick Geertsma, Dick and Shirley Good
September 26: Jan Zuidema, John and Kathy Buitenhuis

Coffee Helpers:

September 19: Jim and Mary Winkle, Dale and Norma Schuitema
September 26: Mabelle and Jay Knochenhauer, Dave and Barb Weesies

Children's Ministry Updates:

September 19:

Nursery: Cherise Vanderheide, Rosemary Geertsma
Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Yasmin Vanderheide
Walk Out Worship: Joslyn Wagenmaker, one of the Zuidema Girls

September 26:

Nursery: Dee Ann Hordyk, Ruth Marotti
Little Lambs: Lyndsey Huisman, Ian Clapp
Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma, Claire Clapp

Focus (9th - 12th grade): We will kick off our Focus meetings at church on September 19 from 6:30 - 8:00.

Chaos (5th - 8th grade): Our first focus meeting will be Wednesday September 22nd, 7:00 - 8:30.

Profession of Faith Class: Anyone interested in taking a profession of faith class Sunday October 31 and Sunday November 7 right after the morning service please talk to Rob W.

Chaos Leader Needed: We could use one more leader for Chaos this year. A leader just has to have a heart for bringing kids closer to God, and willing to show up and hang out with the kids each meeting. If you're interested or want more info please talk to Rob Wagenmaker



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, September 19, 2021 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name arr. Jeffrey Honore " arr. Jeffrey Honore
"Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Jim Brickman

Introit: "Sing Ye a Joyful Song" Dvorak
*Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord,
Who hath done marvelous, marvelous things
Praise the Lord all the earth!
Sing praises, shout and be joyful.
Let the sea roar and all that is therein,
The round earth and all they that dwell there,
Lift your voices, floods and tempests,
Mountains clap your hands for joy.
Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn,
And let all the trees of the forest be joyful!*

Call to Worship :
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. – Psalm 98:3

Welcome and *Greeting

***Sing:**
"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LUYH 590 vv. 1-3, 8
"For the Beauty of the Earth" LUYH 19 vv. 1-2, 5

GOD RECONCILES WITH US

Call to Confession

***Sing: "Because He Lives (Amen)"**

Maher

Prayer of Confession: St. Anselm, 11th c.

**O almighty and merciful Father,
you pour out your benefits on us,
forgive our unthankfulness for your goodness.
We have stood before you with dead and senseless hearts,
unkindled by the love
of your gentle and enduring goodness.
O merciful Father, turn us and we will be turned.
Make us hunger and thirst for you with our whole heart,
and with all our longing desire you.
Make us serve you with our whole heart
and with all our zeal seek whatever is pleasing in your sight;
for the sake of your only Son,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

*You have turned my mourning into dancing;
You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
So that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. – Psalm 30:11-12*

Solo: "When I Think Upon Thy Goodness"

Haydn

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children Sent to Walk Out Worship (5 year olds through 2nd Grade)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Message: "Prerequisites for a Life of Gratitude "

Rev. Travis West

Prayers of the People

***Song of Response: "O Give Thanks"**

Kimbrough

GOD SENDS US TO SERVE IN HIS LIGHT AND LOVE

***Blessing**

Postlude: "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior "

arr. John Carter

Participants:

Rev. Dr. Travis West, preaching
Rev. Noah McLaren, liturgy & music
Henk Ottens, Vocals
Jan Zuidema, piano
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Special Offerings:

September 19: Faith Promise: Steve and Mary
September 26: CROP Walk

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CROP WALK: We are hosting the walk this year. Plan on joining us October 2 at 2 pm. Stay tuned for more information!

Offering Today: This morning's offering is for a couple we have supported for many years as they served minority people groups and lived in a sensitive country in Asia. Steve and Mary are now back in the U.S. and working remotely due to recent restrictions and regulations in their host country. Steve continues to serve as a Regional Manager supervising eight language projects and two language learners. He has also taken on the added responsibility of Project Funding for their entity. Mary continues to serve as a Children's Education Consultant to meet the needs of the children in their entity. They are deeply grateful for our support for them and ask for prayers as their entity trusts God for new ways to work and communicate as they reach more people for His Kingdom.

FUNERAL COMMITTEE: We need men and women who are willing to be on a call list to set-up, serve, and clean up the day of funerals. Please sign up on the list at the information desk in the atrium or call Barb Sikkenga, at 231-206-9757.

Adult Ed Starts Today: Travis West will begin our season of Adult Enrichment with a session called "Words Create Worlds". In it, he'll invite us to explore Hebrew language, culture, and imagination through a deeper understanding of a few significant words.

Children's Ministries:

Nursery: newborn through age 2 offered for the full service each Sunday at the bottom of the back stairs.

Little Lambs: 2 year olds through 4 year olds. Offered for the full service each Sunday at the bottom of the back stairs.

Walk Out Worship: 5 year olds through 2nd grade. Offered each Sunday with walkout halfway through church.

Chaos: 5th grade through 8th grade. Offered Wednesday nights at 7-8:30 pm.

Focus: 9th grade through 12th grade. Offered Sunday evenings at 6:30-8 pm.

Special Offering Announcement: On October 3 there will be a special offering for Love in Action in response to a very specific need that was uncovered this summer by several of our regular volunteers at Love. The van that is used for local and distance pick-ups and delivers is in bad shape. The side back access door is held in place by bungee cords because it no longer closes, the driver and passenger areas are deteriorating, and the van is on the verge of being non-repairable due to age and access to parts. In conversation with Josh Bytwerk, the director, he told us that they have \$10,000 saved for a used van. Considering the rising costs of cars and vans at present, we would love to be able to give Love somewhere between \$6,000 and \$10,000 so that they can purchase a used vehicle that would give their volunteers and staff something that is dependable and safe. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to help to make this happen for this organization that works tirelessly to feed, house, clothe, and educate those who are in need in our community. Either write Love in Action Van on your budget envelope with the amount specified or drop an envelope labeled for Love in Action into the collection box or at the office.

Praise and Prayers:

Ted Huisman: Thanksgiving for great recovery at Parkview Adult Foster Care in Zeeland. Ted (cousin to Mary Terpstra and Carol Brouwer) is better and has recently returned to his day programming. He hopes to be worshipping with us again soon. Thank you for your prayers!

Thank you! "I finally made use of my birthday present from all of you, and spent this past Sunday night at the Lilley Mansion, treating myself to dinner and some shopping before relaxing in this fabulous B&B! Thank you so much for this wonderful gift - I feel so loved and supported, and it was truly a time to pause and rest and be grateful for how God has blessed me through all of you." - Pastor Laura

Jean Schuitman: Jean's surgery went well on Tuesday and she will remain in the hospital for a few days. Continue to pray for healing.

Curt DeJongh: Curt is healing well and physical therapy is going well. He says thank you for the cards and calls!

Sheila Warners: Sheila had surgery on Wednesday. She and Jim would love meals as she recovers. Please check out her Meal Train to see if you can help. Thanks!