"How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!" Psalm 139:17

March 8, 2020

Order of Worship

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements *Please stand if you are able CH = Celebration Hymnal (Gray) PH = Psalter Hymnal (Blue)

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Song ~ Blessed Be Your Name

*Call to Worship ~ Psalm 89:1-2

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

People: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Praise the Lord!

*Song of Praise ~ Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Psalm of Praise ~ 1 John 4:7-12

Song ~ CH 352 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession ~

Leader: Merciful God, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us.

People: You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves.

Leader: Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, how often we forget to pray; the times

we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble.

People: Lord, you know when we are untruthful and think bad of others. You see our anger and unwillingness to forgive.

Leader: God of mercy, forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you.

People: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon ~ Psalm 103:8-13 (NRSV)

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

People: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

People: as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

Song of Response ~ His Mercy is More

Message for Children

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ Beneath The Cross (Getty)

Scripture Reading ~ John 15:9-17

Message ~ Remain in My Love

Prayer

*Song ~ CH 324 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Song ~ CH 308 v 1 There Is a Redeemer

Order of Worship

PM Service

Prayer

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise ~ CH 572 Blessed Assurance

Profession of Faith ~ Apostle's Creed (PH p3)

Time of Singing ~ Congregation Choice

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Video Study ~ Why Easter Matters:

The Risk of Surrendering to God

Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Song ~ CH 591 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – March 8, 2020

Nursery is provided in the Educational Building for children up to age three.

Attendants today: Krystal English, Cherie Rice, Gannon Smith, and Ethan Hoolsema

Next week: Cynthia English, Alison Cheney, Emma Besteman, and Madisyn Besteman

<u>Junior Worship</u> is provided in the Educational Building for 3, 4, and 5 year olds not yet in school. They will be dismissed before the morning sermon.

<u>Helpers today:</u> Colee Cheney, Ellie Bogacki, and Madisyn Besteman

<u>Next week:</u> Joe Hadfield, Andrew Borowski, and Ethan Hoolsema

Sunday School and Catechism will meet today at 10:45 am.

Offerings today: A.M. – General Fund P.M. – Missions **Next week:** A.M. – General Fund P.M. – Building Fund

2020 Amount Budgeted Weekly for

General Fund: \$3745. March 1 Offerings:

General Fund: \$3903; **Christian School:** \$555.

THIS WEEK - March 8 - March 15

TODAY:

- We will be having a potluck lunch today at noon
- Happy Birthday to Bev Zuidema!

MONDAY:

- "Sewing and More" will meet at 10:00 am. Bring whatever projects you are working and enjoy the fellowship of other crafters.
- Happy Birthday to Linda Thomson!
- Youth Group will meet at 7:00 pm.

TUEDAY:

• **Bible Study** on the book of Revelation at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited. See Pastor John if you have any questions.

WEDNESDAY:

- **GEMS** (Grades 1-8) will meet at the church from 6:30 8:00 pm.
- CADETS (Grades 1-8) will meet at the church from 6:30 8:00 pm.

THURSDAY:

• Happy Birthday to Charlie Kamper!

FAMILY NEWS

Looking for individuals with a gift for photography to take pictures for use in the weekly church presentation and/or on the church website. Contact Nate Beelen for details or send high quality digital photos to info@rudyardcrc.org.

Miss a Sunday? Want to hear a message again? Listen to past sermons online at the church website at RudyardCRC.org or subscribe in iTunes to Rudyard Christian Reformed Church podcast.

Pastor John Kostelyk and Nate Beelen have been appointed by classis as delegates to Synod which will take place on June 12-18 at Calvin University. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this duty.

Advance notice:

- ~ Community Choir begins again on Monday, March 23, at 6:30 pm
- ~ The Youth Group Taco Bar Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 19, from 5-7 pm.

From the Christian School:

- ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences are March 23 -26.
- ~ Spring Break starts March 27, students return April 6.
- ~ The Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser in March has been cancelled.
- ~ Substitute teachers are needed! Must meet state requirements and pass a background check.

Rudyard Home Athletics this week:

Please join our prayer team in the library every Sunday from 9:00 - 9:20 am as we pray for our church, our Council, and our church family.