

“Because I live, you also will live.”
John 14:19

April 4, 2021

Order of Worship

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song ~ CH 357 Christ Arose

*Call to Worship ~ from 1 Peter 1:3-5, 2:10

Leader: This is the good news – the grave is empty;
Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the good news – the light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: He has brought us out of darkness. He
has made us light to the world.**

Leader: This is the good news – once we were no
people; now we are God’s people.

**People: He has given us new life and hope. He
has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Song of Praise ~ CH 367 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*God’s Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Song ~ CH 368 He Lives

The Easter Story ~ Matthew 28:1-10

Special Music ~ Gail Berkompas

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God’s Grace

Confession & Assurance

Leader: Christ died for all, so that those who live should
no longer live for themselves, but only for him who died
and was raised to life again.

**People: Thanks be to God, who has given us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Anyone
who is joined to Christ is a new creation; the old
is gone, the new has come.**

Leader: The God who said, “Out of darkness the light
shall shine!” is the same God who made his light shine in
our hearts, to bring us the knowledge of God’s glory
shining in the face of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God, who has given us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: You yourselves used to be in the darkness, but
since you have become the Lord’s people, you are in the
light. So you must live like people who belong to the
light, for it is the light that brings a rich harvest of every
kind of goodness, righteousness, and truth. Try to learn
what pleases the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God, who has given us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. For if we
live, we live to the Lord, or if we die, we die to the
Lord.**

Leader: You were buried together with Christ in baptism,
and in him also you rose again through faith in the
working of God who raised him from the dead.

People: Whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.

Leader: “Death is swallowed up in victory! O death,
where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

**People: Thanks be to God, who has given us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

-based on Romans 14:8; 1 Corinthians 15:54-55; 2 Corinthians
4:6, 5:15, 17; Ephesians 5:8-10; Colossians 2:12

Song ~ Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Congregational Prayer

God’s Word for Us

*Song ~ Ancient Words

Scripture Reading ~ Revelation 1:17-18

Message ~ A Black Hole and An Empty Tomb

Prayer

*Song ~ O Praise the Name (Ana’stasis)

We Depart to Serve

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ O Praise the Name - Chorus

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – April 4, 2021

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

Attendants today: Kathy Borowski, Donell Beelen, Colee Cheney, and Jenelle Hoolsema

Next week: Natalie Hoolsema, Hannah Beelen, Eve Cheney, and Liam Hoolsema

Junior Worship 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.

Helpers today: Paige Postma, Eve Cheney, and Bryce Mitchell

Next week: Sara Beelen, Andrew Borowski, and Raya Morley

Sunday School and Catechism will not meet today.

Offerings today: A.M. – General Fund

Next week: A.M. – General Fund P.M. – Building Fund

2021 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$3638.

March 28 Offerings:

General Fund: \$2734; Benevolence Fund: \$400; New Hope Food Pantry: \$446.

THIS WEEK – April 4 – April 10

TODAY:

- **Praise the Lord! He is Risen!** Please stay after the service for a time of coffee, donuts, and fellowship.
- There will be no evening service today.

TUESDAY:

- Revelation Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm.
- **Youth Group** will meet at the church at 7:00 pm.
- **Happy Birthday** to Karen Busman!

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:

- Rudyard Christian School is having their annual open house for new and potential students from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Teachers and board members will be available to meet and answer any questions.

SATURDAY:

- **Happy Birthday** to Julie Kronemeyer!

FAMILY NEWS

The new building committee wants and needs your input. If you did not get a survey by mail, or need additional copies for other family members, please pick up a building expansion survey in the narthex. All surveys should be returned by April 11 and can be returned by mail or by dropping them off in the box in the narthex. Anyone interested in joining the committee please talk to Ray VanSloten or Nate Beelen.

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2021 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/1277 to answer the survey questions **by April 14**.

Please check the table in the fellowship room and see if there are any dishes or items that belong to you.

Please continue to clip and save your Our Family UPC labels. There is a box on the back bulletin board for them. Thank you.

Advance notice:

~ The Youth Group will hold its annual Burger Bash on Friday, April 23.

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.