

"Praise the Lord.

How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!" Psalm 147:1

May 23, 2021

## Order of Worship

Pentecost Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Prelude ~ Wesley Apotheker

Welcome and Announcements

### We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Song ~ May Jesus Christ Be Praised

CH 215 vs 1-3

\*Call to Worship ~

L: The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

**P: we dwell in him and he in us.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

**P: make known his deeds among the peoples.**

L: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

**P: and speak of all his marvelous works.**

L: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

**P: who was and is and is to come!**

—based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

\*Song of Praise ~ You Are My All in All

### Message for the Children

### We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession ~

L: Gracious God,

who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
we confess before you and to each other  
that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift.  
We have been satisfied with ordinary things,  
suspicious of unfamiliar things,  
and blind to spiritual things.

**P: Cleanse us, O God, with your celestial fire.**

**Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency,  
and open us in faith to receive the renewing touch  
of your hand. Amen.**

Assurance ~

L: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

Our Response ~ It Is Well With My Soul CH 705 vs. 1-3

### Congregational Prayer

### God's Word for Us

\*Song ~ Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart CH 390  
vs 1-2

Scripture Reading ~ Ephesians 6:10-20

Message ~ The Helmet of Salvation

Prayer

Song of Response ~ Lead on, O King Eternal CH 724

### We Depart to Serve

\*God's Parting Blessing  
\*Song ~ Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart CH 390  
vs 3-4

**RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – May 23, 2021**

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

**Attendants today:** Jane Berkompas, Hannah Beelen, Kyle Postma, and M.J. Beelen

**Next week:** Jodie Postma, Kathy Borowski, Ethan Hoolsema, and Bryce Mitchell

**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:** Stef Lubben, Eve Cheney, and Liam Hoolsema

**Next week:** Laurie Morley, Andrew Borowski, and Raya Morley

Please stay after the morning service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

**Offerings today:** A.M. – General Fund

P.M. – No service

**Next week:** A.M. – General Fund

A.M. – GEMS

P.M. – New Hope Food Pantry

**2021 Amount Budgeted Weekly for**

**General Fund:** \$3638.

**May 16 Offerings:**

**General Fund:** \$4611; **Building Fund:** \$421.

**THIS WEEK – May 23 – May 30**

**TODAY:**

- We welcome Pastor Joe Sereno as he conducts our service this morning.

**WEDNESDAY:**

- **Building Committee** will meet at 6:30 pm.
- **Rudyard Christian School Board** will meet at 6:30 pm.

## **FAMILY NEWS**

The family of Marilyn Postma would like to thank you for all your cards and prayers. Also a big thank you to the ladies who put on the luncheon for us.

A Profession of Faith class will be starting soon. If you are interested in taking this step of faith, please see Pastor John. Also, parents, if your child is interested in participating in the Lord's Supper, and you feel they are ready, please see Pastor John or one of the Elders.

There are farm fresh eggs in the fridge in the kitchen for sale. Cost is by donation and the proceeds will benefit the Youth Group.

There are a couple packages of meat products from the Dairy Boxes in the freezer. If you will use them, please take them.

**ATTENTION ALL FISHERMEN:** The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting its eighteenth annual fishing tournament to raise funds to support its ministry – helping boys grow spiritually in all areas of life. The fishing tournament will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Gun Lake State Park in southwest Michigan. For more information, call the Corp office at 616-241-5616 ext 4, or check out the Cadet website under the “Events” tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration forms are available from your Cadet club’s head counselor, or you can register at our website: [www.CalvinistCadets.org](http://www.CalvinistCadets.org). Lunch will be served at noon. Join us for a fun filled day!

GEMS Girls’ Clubs is inviting you to participate in their [Global GEMS Day Virtual 5K Walk/Run](#). For 63 years GEMS leaders have helped girls act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Now, we can literally walk (or run, skate, stroll, or roll) to showcase how GEMS is impacting girls and communities around the world through amazing clubs and leaders like yours! Join us from June 1 - 10 on a virtual walk/run—you can join us from anywhere and walk/run at any time! All participants will receive a race packet with a t-shirt and race bib. Contact Kathy Borowski for registration details.

### **Advance notice:**

~ **VBS** will be held July 19 – July 23. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be on the buffet table in the narthex. Please sign up for when you can help. All help is appreciated, even if you can’t commit to the whole week.

### **From the Christian School:**

~ Scrap metal collection is resuming at Carl Jensen’s house.

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.