

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God’s special possession,
that you may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”
1 Peter 2:9

September 5, 2021

Order of Worship

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Song ~ CH 92 O How I Love Jesus

*Call to Worship ~ (Psalm 9:1-2; 118:28; 13:5; 69:30)

Leader: I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I
will be glad and rejoice in You.

**People: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most
High.**

Leader: You are my God and I will praise You.

People: You are my God and I will exalt You.

Leader: I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall
rejoice in your salvation.

**People: I will praise the name of God with song,
and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.**

*Song of Praise ~ CH 147 How Great Thou Art

*God’s Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Litany and Prayers for the New School Year ~ Insert

Song of Praise ~

CH 568 v 1, 2, 5 May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Message for the Children

Video Song ~ Who You Say I Am

We Are Renewed in God’s Grace

Confession ~

Leader: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

**People: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and
minds by your Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo, free us
from the past we cannot change, heal what we
cannot fix.

**People: Fill our lives with your grace and peace,
that we may love as you love, and be filled with
the joy of the Lord. In Jesus name, Amen.**

Our Assurance ~ The Canons of Dort Article 7: Election

Leader: Before the foundation of the world, by sheer
grace, according to the free good pleasure of his will,
God chose in Christ to salvation, a definite number of
particular people out of the entire human race, which
had fallen by its own fault from its original innocence
into sin and ruin. Those chosen were neither better nor
more deserving than the others, but lay with them in
the common misery. God did this in Christ, whom he
also appointed from eternity to be the mediator, the
head of all those chosen, and the foundation of their
salvation.

And so God decreed to give to Christ those chosen for
salvation, and to call and draw them effectively into
Christ’s fellowship through the Word and Spirit. In
other words, God decreed to grant them true faith in
Christ, to justify them, to sanctify them, and finally,
after powerfully preserving them in the fellowship of
the Son, to glorify them.

God did all this in order to demonstrate his mercy, to
the praise of the riches of God’s glorious grace.

As Scripture says,

**People: “God chose us in Christ, before the
foundation of the world, so that we should be
holy and blameless before him with love; he
predestined us whom he adopted as his children
through Jesus Christ, in himself, according to
the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his
glorious grace, by which he freely made us
pleasing to himself in his beloved” (Eph. 1:4-6).**

Leader: And elsewhere, “Those whom he predestined,
he also called; and those whom he called, he also
justified; and those whom he justified, he also
glorified” (Rom. 8:30).

Our Response ~ CH 572 Blessed Assurance

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God’s Word for Us

*Song ~ CH 348 v 1, 4, 5 My Savior’s Love

Scripture Reading ~ Romans 8:28-33

Message ~ When the Flood of God’s Mercy Comes

Prayer

We Depart to Serve

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Video Song ~

Thank You Jesus for the Blood (Charity Gayle)

Litany for the New School Year ~

Leader : God, as our children return to the rhythm of the school year, We ask for blessing upon them: That they may learn and grow,

That they may make and be good friends,

That they may have their minds opened,

**People: That their hearts may be soft,
That they may be protected from evil,
That they may be filled with love.**

Leader: Be with them Lord, as they make independent decisions each day,

As they work and play

As they navigate tricky situations

**People: As they relate to other people,
As they confront their own hearts
Be with them.**

Leader: For their teachers we pray for endless wells of patience; for wisdom and insight into each child,

**People: We pray for creativity and abundant resources;
for blessings on earth through your Spirit.**

Leader: We ask for safety and good health, that your angels would guard and keep them, and that kind people would surround them.

People: As parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and mentors, give us wisdom as we raise and teach our children, to model kindness, empathy, and respect; to encourage creativity and open-mindedness, and to love and welcome them whole-heartedly.

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – September 5, 2021

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

Attendants today: Alison Cheney, Amber Tuzinowski, Colee Cheney, and Trey Ortiz

Next week: Emily Hoolsema, Wanda Mitchell, Eve Cheney, and Quinn Rogers

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: Laurie Morley, Andrew Borowski, and Raya Morley

Next week: Leah Beelen, Kyle Postma, and MJ Beelen

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
P.M. – Crisis Pregnancy Center

2021 Amount Budgeted Weekly for

General Fund: \$3638.

August 29 Offerings:

General Fund: \$3150.40; GEMS: \$20; Building Fund: \$415.

THIS WEEK – September 5 – September

Teacher and Students – Have fun and stay safe as you go back to school!

WEDNESDAY:

- **Women's Prayer Group** will meet in the Council Room at 10:00 am.

SATURDAY:

- **Happy Birthday** to Joyce DeWitt!

FAMILY NEWS

Thank you to all that donated for the Community Outreach for the elementary school teachers. The teachers appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity very much.

A Women's Bible Study will begin on Monday, September 20. Come join us for nine lessons on "Growing Older & Wiser", beginning at 10:00 am. Books will be available on back table when they arrive.

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.