

"I love you, LORD, my strength."

Psalm 18:1

October 10, 2021

## **Order of Worship**

Morning Service

Prelude ~ Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Song ~ CH 583 You Are My All in All

\*Call to Worship ~

Leader: Be exalted in your strength, LORD; we will sing and praise your might. (Psalm 21:13)

**People: But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.** (Psalm 59:16)

Leader: O my Strength, I sing praise to you; you, O God, are my fortress, my loving God. (Psalm 59:17)

**People: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.** (Psalm 19:14)

\*Song of Praise ~ CH 151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

Psalm of Praise ~ Psalm 28:6-9; 29:1-2,11

Song of Praise ~ In Christ Alone

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession ~

Leader: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our

offenses against you. You alone know how we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Song of Grace ~ All I Have Is Christ (J Kauflin)

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

\*Song ~ Speak O Lord

Scripture Reading ~ Esther 1

Message ~ Invincible God

Prayer

\*Song ~ My God How Wonderful You Are

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We Depart to Serve

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song ~ CH 186 Lord, Be Glorified

In my life . . .

In Your church . . .

In Your world . . .

## **Order of Worship**

5 PM Service

Call to Worship

Prayer

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise ~ CH 92 O How I Love Jesus

\*Profession of Faith ~ Apostle's Creed

Offering

Service of Prayer & Praise (Handout)

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song ~ CH 589 Here I Am, Lord

## *I. Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

### **Invitation**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

### **Teaching**

Leader: Why have we gathered here?

**People: We come because we have been called to live out a story**

Leader: What story shall we live?

**People: The story of redemption, the saving love of Christ**

Leader: When did this story begin?

**People: It was whispered before time began, it was sung in the melody of Creation.**

Leader: Whose story is this?

**People: This story is God's alone to tell. It hums in the rivers and the trees. It whispers in the skies and the seas. It calls to people around the world. It speaks to our hearts, and into our lives.**

Leader: Why should we tell this story?

**People: This story calls our name in Creation. This story claims our lives through the Cross. This story shapes our future through the Spirit. We are participants in this story because it is our own.**

Leader: So tell me the story of this night, of this table?

**People: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it**

Leader: Tell me what he said and did

**People: He said "This is my body which is broken for you**

**Do this and remember me”.**

**People: In the same way, he took the cup and said  
This is a new covenant in my blood. Drink it and  
remember me**

Leader: Thank you Jesus for taking away our sins on the cross,  
and rising victorious from the grave. Thank you for the gift of  
eternal life that is now ours because of your gift of Love.

**People: This is our common story our deep memory, our  
true destiny. Satisfy us Lord, in a way nothing in  
this world can. Fill us with your power so that we might  
be ambassadors of your love.**

**Prayer / Conclude with the Lord’s Prayer**

**The Invitation**

Leader: All of you who are sorry for your sins and believe in  
Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and have professed this in  
a Christian Church, God calls you to take part in this  
celebration. For those of you who have not yet made this  
commitment to Christ, God asks that you wait until a time  
when you are able to profess Him as your Savior.

**People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they shall be filled.**

**The Communion**

**Thanksgiving**

Leader: For these gifts of love we thank you, and join with the  
angels and saints in offering you our praise.

**People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed in the one who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the  
highest!**

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain who has redeemed  
us to God by his blood, to receive power and riches, wisdom  
and strength, and honor and glory and praise. To him who  
sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory  
and power, for ever and ever. Amen! (Rev. 5:12 & 13)

## Prayer Service: Becoming the People of God

Leader: Let us remember that the Creator is present in this place with us. We are held in the palm of God's hand.

Song of Praise ~ CH 139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Reading from John 15:1-9

Leader: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

**People: He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.**

Leader: You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you.

**People: Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can I, unless I abide in Him.**

Leader: I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.

**People: If we abide in Christ, and His words abide in us, we can ask for whatever we wish, and it will be done for us.**

Leader: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

**People: Glory to God who was, and is, and ever shall be. Amen.**

Song of Prayer ~ CH 638 I Need Thee Every Hour

Time of praying for . . .

Reading ~ Colossians 3:10-17

Time of giving thanks in prayer for . . .

Song of Thanksgiving ~ CH 794 Let All Things Now Living

In Praise and Thanksgiving (Adapted from Matthew 10)

Leader: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

**People: Lord of the harvest we ask you to send out laborers for your harvest. Equip us for our task.**

Leader: Preach as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

**People: Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not a single one of them will fall to the ground apart from our Father.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Anyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

**People: Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of the least of these my followers because he is my follower truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.**

Leader: Glory to God who is here and loves us.

**People: Glory to God now and forever. Amen.**

Time of praying for our witness to others . . .

**RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – October 10, 2021**

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

**Attendants today:** Marilyn Hoolsema, Laura Schippers, Kyle Postma, and Jenelle Hoolsema

**Next week:** Laurie Morley, Tammy Folkersma, Ethan Hoolsema, and Raya Morley

**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:** Natalie Hoolsema, Lauren Borowski, and Liam Hoolsema

**Next week:** Marilyn Hoolsema, Eve Cheney, and Jenelle Hoolsema

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

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

P.M. – Building Fund

**Next week:** A.M. – General Fund

P.M. – Benevolence Fund

**2021 Amount Budgeted Weekly for**

**General Fund: \$3638.**

**October 3 Offerings:**

**General Fund: \$4101.42; Benevolence Fund: \$289.77; Salvation Army: \$296.**

**THIS WEEK – October 10 – October 17, 2021**

**TODAY:**

- The **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** will meet at the church at 6:30 pm.

**MONDAY:**

- **Women's Bible Study** will meet at 10:00 in the fellowship room. Books are available on the back bureau. It is not too late to join us. We are still on Lesson two while we wait for our busy friends to join us on a study called, "Growing Old and Wiser".

**WEDNESDAY:**

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

## **FAMILY NEWS**

We would like to thank the congregation for all of your continuing support and prayers for everything we have been going through. It is greatly appreciated! Ben and Krystal and family

The Genesis Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, October 19, at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be using Warren Wiersbe's Bible Study on Genesis 1-11. Books will be given to everyone who comes.

Over the next couple of weeks the deacons will be collecting food for the New Hope Food Pantry as part of our offering of thanks to the Lord. We will be doing this in conjunction with the other churches in Rudyard. We have been asked to include in the food we collect canned sweet potatoes or yams for the Thanksgiving bags they will be making up.

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.