

"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

March 20, 2022 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent

Order of Worship

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song ~ CH 302 Lamb of God

*Call to Worship ~ from Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my
life—of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked
come against me, though an army besiege me, and
war break out against me, my heart will not fear and I
will be confident.

**People: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only
do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of
the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the
beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his
temple.**

Leader: In the day of trouble he will keep me safe, he
will hide me in the shelter and set me high upon a
rock.

**People: I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will
sing and make music to the Lord. Teach me
your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path.**

Leader: Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to
me and answer me. Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior.

**People: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

Leader: I remain confident of this: I will see the
goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for
the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for
the Lord.

*Song of Praise ~ CH 309 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

GEMS presentation & song ~ What a Friend

Lenten Reading ~ Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18;
Philippians 3:17-4:1

Song ~ In Christ Alone

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession & Assurance ~

Leader: The Lenten symbol we bring to the cross today
is the whip, an instrument of power and cruelty. Today
in our Scripture readings we also consider the promises
of God to Abram, freely given, without coercion.
Because Abram trusted God, he was brought into right
relationship, into God's own covenantal righteousness.

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy
on us. Too often we are cruel in our
relationships. We confess that we coerce, and
are coerced, rather than living in trust. In the
shadow of Your cross we cry, "Have mercy on
us."**

Leader: God's covenant with Abram came in deep and
terrifying darkness. The new covenant Jesus offered in
His blood came in the deep and terrifying darkness of
our sin and cruelty. In His life and death Jesus offered
Himself, absorbing our sin and returning only love.

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy
on us. We live in the deep and terrifying**

**darkness of our own sin. We confess our
entrapment by the powers of this world. In the
shadow of Your cross we cry, "Have mercy on
us."**

Leader: Let us pray together . . .

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: We
look at Jesus, and we look at ourselves, and we
confess the great difference.

**People: Deliver us from our cruelty and sin;
conform us to His love. We admit our
helplessness apart from Your grace. We thank
You that through the resurrection Your grace
abundantly pardons and transforms us!
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song ~ Afflicted Saint to Christ Draw Near

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ CH 688 v 1, 3 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Scripture Reading ~ Psalm 23

Message ~ From Stressed to Blessed

Prayer

*Song ~ CH 690 He Leadeth Me

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ CH 308 v 1, 2 There Is a Redeemer

5 PM Service

Why Easter Matters

Order of Worship

5 PM Service

Call to Worship & Prayer

Greeting

*Song of Praise ~ CH 348 v 1, 4, 5 My Savior's Love

Profession of Faith ~ Apostle's Creed

Songs of Praise ~ Congregation Choice

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Video Series ~ Why Easter Matters (Andy Stanley)

*Benediction

*Parting Song ~ CH 327 The Old Rugged Cross

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – March 20, 2022

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

Attendants today: Katie Rice, Krystal English, Eve Cheney, and Trey Ortiz

Next week: Kathy Borowski, Donell Beelen, Andrew Borowski, 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: Colee Cheney, Austin Hoolsema, and Lila Tuzinowski

Next week: Marilyn Hoolsema, Eve Cheney, and Tristian Hoolsema

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

Offerings today: A.M. – General Fund

A.M. - GEMS

P.M. – Building Fund

Next week: A.M. – General Fund

P.M. – White Wiles Home

2022 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$3690.

March 13 Offerings:

General Fund: \$3058.90; Benevolence Fund: \$453; Christian School: \$20.

THIS WEEK – March 20 - 27

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.
- Youth Group will meet at 7:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY:

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

THURSDAY:

- **Happy Birthday** to Lorraine Leonard!
- **New Building Committee** will meet at 3 PM at the church. New members are welcome to attend.

FAMILY NEWS

Community Chorus will begin again on March 28 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join.

The council has accepted the membership papers for Wes and Susan DeYoung along with their son Wesley Jr from North Hills CRC in Troy Mi, and also the membership papers for Angela Kostelyk from Hammond CRC in Hammond Indiana. WELCOME!!!

During the month of April, we will be participating with the other churches in Rudyard and having a baby shower for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. Please place your gifts of love in the boxes provided in the foyer of church. Baby Essentials as well as new or gently used clothing would be appreciated.