

"How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!"  
Psalm 133:1

September 18, 2022

## **Order of Worship**

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

### We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Song ~ CH 92 v 1, 2 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 415 We Are Called to Be God's People  
(sing to the tune of Come Thou Fount)

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

Psalm of Praise ~ Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16

Song ~ Oh, How Good It Is (Getty) – see insert

Message for the Children

### We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession ~ with Psalm 133

Reader 1: "How good and pleasant it is when God's  
people live together in unity!"

Reader 2: Lord, forgive us when we speak ill of others,

**People: rather than build them up;**

Reader 2: when we sow seeds of disunity,

**People: rather than find our unity in you;**

Reader 2: when we stay in our own little groups,

**People: rather than reach out to include others;**

Reader 2: when we fear of those outside our gates,

**People: rather than practice hospitality as you  
taught us to.**

Reader 2: Lord, forgive us for not celebrating the  
diversity present in your creation, of language and skin  
color,

**People: each bearing your image and unified in  
Christ.**

Reader 1: "It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's  
beard, down on the collar of his robe."

Reader 2: Lord, help us to remember that you have  
anointed us to be your servants.

**People: Servants who spread the fragrance of  
your grace and peace wherever we go.**

Reader 2: Lord, help us to remember that our anointing  
is not something that can be put on when convenient.  
That we can't choose when to act justly, and love  
mercy.

**People: You have called us to walk humbly before  
you and live daily as your disciples.**

Reader 2: Lord, help us to remember that our anointing  
means that our relationships with others needs to  
reflect you. That how we act in the school hallway, on  
the sports field, or in the lunchroom, needs to be a  
testimony that we belong to you. That our anointing  
makes a difference in how we treat our co-workers and  
how we respond to our employers, in how we conduct  
our business, run errands, and treat those who serve  
us.

**People: Lord, help us to remember that you have  
anointed us to be your servants.**

Reader 1: "It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on  
Mount Zion."

Reader 2: Lord, in the parched and brokenness of our  
churches and lives help us desire the life-giving  
nourishment that you provide.

**People: Send your Holy Spirit into our churches  
and into our lives, so that new life can burst  
forth.**

Reader 1: May beauty and growth appear in such  
unexpected places that it catches the attention of even  
the most cynical unbeliever and that together we may  
declare that

**People: "Truly you are the Son of God."**

Reader 1: "For there the Lord bestows his blessing,  
even life forevermore."

**People: Jesus Christ, help us desire your blessing  
and seek true unity as your people so that we  
may experience abundant life. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon ~ from John 20:21-22

Leader: Jesus greeted his disciples with these words  
after his resurrection. Hear them anew today: "Peace  
be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending  
you." And with that he breathed on them and said,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit."

In the power of Jesus' resurrection, be assured that  
your sins are forgiven!

Song of Response ~ Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

\*Song ~ Let It Be Said of Us

Scripture Reading ~ John 17:20-26

Message ~ A Prayer for Unity

Prayer

\*Song ~ CH 401 v 1, 2, 4 The Church's One Foundation

We Depart to Serve

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song ~ CH 815 Doxology

**RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – September 18, 2022**

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

**Attendants today:** Krystal English, Jodie Postma, Bryce Mitchell, and Trey Ortiz

**Next week:** Kathy Borowski, Donell Beelen, Jenelle Hoolsema, 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:** Kathy Borowski, Raya Morley, and Colleen Rice

**Next week:** Stef Lubben, Lila Tuzinowski, and Tristian Hoolsema

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

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

P.M. –

**Next week:** A.M. – General Fund

P.M. – White Wiles Home

**2022 Amount Budgeted Weekly for**

**General Fund: \$3690.**

**September 11 Offerings:**

**General Fund: \$4299.16; Crossroads Christian Fellowship: \$2554.69; New Hope Food Pantry: \$237.**

**THIS WEEK – September 18 – 24**

**TODAY:**

- Afternoon service will be a potluck at the church property on Thompson Rd. Bring a dish to pass and your own chairs. Hot dogs will be provided.

**WEDNESDAY:**

- **Women's Prayer Group** will meet in the Council Room at 10:00 am.
- Building Committee meeting at 6:30 pm, new members welcome.

**THURSDAY:**

- **Happy Birthday** to Richard Busman!

## **FAMILY NEWS**

Ladies! We are making plans for our Women's Bible Study group. We are considering changing meeting time to Wednesday mornings beginning at 10:00. The prayer group will meet before us beginning at 9:00. Feedback on what you would like to study and who will be attending so we can order books would be greatly appreciated. Contact Sue.

### **Advance Notice:**

~ Mark your calendars. Bible Study will begin Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 pm. We will be studying "Acts, Seeing the Spirit at Work" by John Stott. Let Pastor John know if you will be attending so he can order enough books.

### **Christian School:**

~Mark your calendars! The Rudyard Christian School Harvest Sale is coming up soon! Please come out and support this event! The Christian School Harvest sale is coming up on Sept 29 at 6:30 pm at the Rudyard Township hall. We would greatly appreciate donations of baked goods towards this event. Please have the baked goods at church the day before to be transported to the township hall or at the township hall the day of. Thank you for your continued support of the Christian School.

### **Council notes:**

~We were pleased to have Katrina Folkersma appear and profess her faith in Jesus. Public profession is upcoming.

~We also voted to send \$2000 to each of our missionaries-Josh and Mandy Shaarda and Eric and Stacy Hoeksema.

~We also voted to send the final payments for Classical and Denominational Shares completing our commitments for the year.

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.

Each week there will be a time of fellowship following the morning service. Donations of cookies and goodies are appreciated. A sign-up sheet for servers is on the bulletin board.